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Council abandons controversial 30-year Local Plan

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE ruling Labour group at West Lancs Council has voted to abandon the controversial 30-year Local Plan and go back to the drawing board.

And the decision, which has also led to the resignation of cabinet member for planning, Councillor John Hodson, has been welcomed by opposition parties and a local residents' group.

The ambitious 'Preferred Options' document was aimed at shaping development in the borough for the next 30 years, and included the release of 590 hectares of Green Belt for employment purposes and 16,000 new homes.

When announced last year, it was described by council chiefs as an "exciting blueprint for the future of West Lancashire" which would also ensure the borough would benefit from economic development in the region.

However, the proposals were met with dismay by political rivals and many residents who responded to a public consultation.

At a meeting last week, the council cabinet accepted a motion put forward by leader of the council, Councillor Ian Moran, which called for more time for the "reconsideration of the proposed Local Plan timescale and for the preparation of and consultation on a new Local Plan Preferred Options."

Cllr. Moran has since said: "The current planning system works in favour of housing developers, not local authorities or residents, which is why we wanted to develop a plan that could help bring in greater infrastructure funding, to tackle the piecemeal approach to planning that the current Local Plan creates.

Councillor Ian Moran.

Councillor David Westley.

"As shown by our legal defence of the Parrs Lane site last year, we are determined to ensure greater control over the release of land, for the benefit of residents, not developers.

"However, it is clear that many residents have concerns over the longer timescale proposed. As we have said from the outset of this Local Plan process, we want to ensure that residents' concerns are heard and incorporated into the final proposal."

Leader of West Lancs Conservatives Association, Councillor David Wesley, said his party welcomed the move but added that the council had now "wasted" £300,000 on the plans.

He said: "It was back in March 2018 that WLCA first alerted the public to Labour's crazy ideas for a new 30-year Local Plan with 16,000 houses and the loss of 1,600 acres of prime agricultural land in our precious Green Belt.

"We knew the hugely negative impact that this would have right across the borough in terms of pressure on public services and increased traffic on our already inadequate road network.

"Labour's plans were ill-conceived, unjustified and bitterly opposed. The public outrage was tangible and demonstrated by the overwhelmingly negative responses submitted as part of the recent public consultation."

And independent group, Our West Lancashire also welcomed the news.

Councillor Adrian Owens said: "Labour will paint themselves as responsive to local concerns in light of this u-turn, but we would remind residents that these 'preferred options' were put together in secrecy by the Labour leadership. This failed scheme has now been abandoned, at great expense (up to £300k and counting), when faced with a rout at the ballot box.

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Bowlers aim to strike a winning note for Alfie

TEAMS of ten-pin bowlers will be aiming to notch a perfect strike for a worthy cause on Sunday, March 24 with a charity challenge in aid of The Alfie Lund Fund.

Ten-year-old Alfie *(above)* **from Burscough suffers from rare genetic neurodevelopmental disorder, MECP2 duplication syndrome.**

His family set up the fund to support him and also to raise awareness of the condition and funds for the charity MECP2 Duplication UK which helps other sufferers.

Venue for the bowling showdown is Southport's Premier Bowl and Laser at the resort's Ocean Plaza. Running from 10am till noon it will feature teams from Aladdins Cave Fancy Dress, Ormskirk; Boxer Rescue North West; John Haynes International Coaching Academy, Liverpool; and Skelmersdale Menaces disability football team.

And there's still time to enter a team. Anyone who would like to take part can contact Angela Deakin for more information on 07425 144 121.

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'Abandoning plan is a mistake' says councillor

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs Council's cabinet member for planning, Councillor John Hodson who quit following the decision to abandon the Local Plan formulated under his leadership, believes the move is a mistake.

In an email to the Champion, Cllr Hodson wrote: "Following Labour's successes up to 2015 when we took control, I was especially proud to be invited to become cabinet member for planning, a topic which I had followed for many years and have devoted a significant amount of personal time in studying and believe by doing so I have achieved considerable expertise.

"The regeneration of the borough, and in particular of Skelmersdale was, and still is, a formidable task under the present ideological application of the austerity programme. It demands a determined, informed and principled administration to build on the solid foundations of an ambitious Local Plan - the only framework capable of providing the road map to achieving regeneration.

"I truly believe that the only effective way of achieving this is through a long-term Local Plan as it demonstrates to the wider agencies and strategic players that we have a long-term vision for regeneration and will demonstrate the need for road infrastructure, schools, GP practices etc. and the bigger projects.

Councillor Hodson.

"Sadly recent developments have demonstrated that the short-term political expediency has overtaken the necessary strategic overview. With all due respect, I believe the Labour Group's recent decision against this vision, in my considered opinion, is the wrong move.

"By their very nature Local Plans are controversial and always contested. Everyone is in agreement that we need to provide houses and employment for future generations and it is natural and understandable that there will be objections to 'not in my backyard' but we have to accommodate this growth and development as we have legal targets to meet.

"As the greenest borough in the country, we have 91% Green Belt land and so we have no choice but to release Green Belt as has been done in all previous local plans.

"I am, however, also a democrat and I respect the will of the group in their decision, it is a matter of political judgement and this is where our beliefs diverge.

"Whilst it is always important to listen to the views of the residents of West Lancs, it should be realised that only 1% of the population of West Lancs responded [to the consultation] in total and not all of them critically so. It is my firm opinion that you cannot produce an effective, strategic and ambitious Local Plan by playing to populist political opinion.

"My position is, I now feel, to be untenable and it is with deep regret that I give notice of my resignation as cabinet member for planning and also my withdrawal from candidature for the forthcoming local elections for Scott Ward.

"I would like to close by thanking all those fellow members who shared that vision and supported the programme and would also like to thank all the residents of West Lancs which I have served for the past two terms of office and wish everyone the best for the future."

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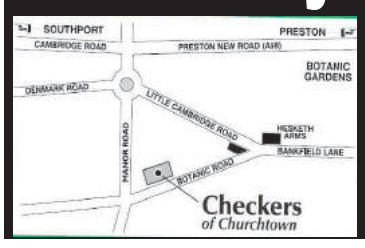

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Building company scoops Best Growing Business accolade in prestigious county-wide awards

Report by **Henry James**

SKELMERSDALE-based UPS Building and Maintenance has been crowned the Best Growing Business in the region, collecting a custom-made trophy in front of more than 1,000 of their peers at the Red Rose Awards 2019.

Organised by Lancashire Business View magazine, the awards are held in Blackpool's iconic Winter Gardens each year, and honour the best, most inspirational and most innovative businesses operating in Lancashire.

To earn the honour, UPS Building and Maintenance triumphed over tough competition - first being selected out of hundreds of nominations from throughout the county to a competitive shortlist, then impressing a panel of judges with a presentation and rigorous interview.

Winners are kept top secret until the prizegiving ceremony. On hearing their name called out from the stage, UPS then collected their trophy which has been specially crafted by trophy partner Pendle Engineering.

Andrew Wood, CEO at UPS Building, said: "Myself, my business partner John and the team here at UPS are massively overwhelmed.

"We have worked so hard over the last 10 years to get to where we are now, and I am so grateful to the team for their hard work. UPS wouldn't be here without its dedicated team which is why I invest heavily in my staff's training. This has allowed for and demonstrated impressive growth with clear plans in place to continue, here's to the next 10 years!"

The team from UPS Building and Maintenance with their award.

Event founder Richard Slater, also the publisher of Lancashire Business View magazine, said: "UPS Building and Maintenance can be exceptionally proud of their achievement -Lancashire is a booming county home to thousands of headline-grabbing businesses with excellent stories, and the Red Rose Awards is the biggest event celebrating their achievements.

"To stand out in a crowded field is a true testament of ingenuity, hard work and doing things the right way."

BBC Radio Lancashire and North West Tonight host Graham Liver compered the evening, with entertainment from Gravity Live, DFC Lancashire and Funtime Frankies.

Headline sponsors for the event were Forbes Solicitors and Barclays and the official judging partner was Blackpool and The Fylde College.

The charity partner for Red Rose Awards 2019 was Cash for Kids and funds were raised at the awards event to support their work in Lancashire.

Council chiefs' u-turn on controversial Local Plan

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"Residents should use their vote in the local elections in May to really force a change of direction from the borough council and dispatch their out-of-touch representatives post-haste."

The Aughton Residents Group 2012, which was formed to resist the housing developments on prime agricultural land at Parrs Lane, had opposed the proposed plan which it said was unprecedented in its scale. Group chairman, Colin Atkinson, who attended the cabinet meeting, said they were surprised but pleased at the latest development.

However, Cllr. Moran disputed the cost of the process quoted by both opposition parties and said it seemed they had collaborated to make up a figure for their press statements.

And he added: "All of the recent studies commissioned by the council, which have fed into the Local Plan development, can continue to be used in setting out a new list of 'preferred options' to go back to the public, so this review does not increase the cost to the taxpayer".

Meanwhile Councillor John Hodson said that only commercially-sensitive information had been heard confidentially.

Organiser Jan Mercer (left) at the Down's Syndrome Awareness Charity Ball with Andy and Gill Haworth and son Tom.

Lightcube to be lit up to celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day

WEST Lancs Council has announced that the Lightcube on Exchange Island in Skelmersdale will be lit up in red and blue on Thursday, March 21 to mark World Down Syndrome Day.

Communities across the world will be celebrating the day to raise awareness and help increase people's understanding about Down Syndrome.

The Lightcube is a seven metres high stainless steel structure, with the top two metres covered with computer-controlled fibre-optic lights.

The council is arranging the special light display in response to a request from Skelmersdale mother-of-three Gillian Haworth, whose youngest son, six-year-old Tom, has Down's Syndrome.

Mrs Haworth said: "I am really grateful to the council for lighting up the Lightcube for World Down Syndrome Day. It is important that we continue to raise awareness of Down Syndrome."

Leader of West Lancs Council, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "I will be delighted to see the Lightcube shining red and blue to mark World Down Syndrome Day, as this is a cause which is close to the hearts of many in West Lancashire."

Meanwhile a Down's Syndrome Awareness Charity Ball organised by Jan Mercer, a friend of the Haworth's and held in the function room at the Toby Carvery in Ormskirk raised £2,700.52.

Jan, who is from Skelmersdale, said: "My motivation for the evening was my special friends Gill and Andy Haworth and their six-year-old son, Tom who was born with Down's Syndrome. He's amazing and steals everyone's heart with his smile.

"Gill raises money each year for The Down's Syndrome Association on Down's Syndrome Awareness Day and requests the lights roundabout colours changed each year to support the day.

"The evening involved games, raffles and I sold odd socks on the night for everyone to wear this Awareness Day (Thursday) to support the 'Lots of Socks' appeal.

"A huge thank-you to all those who attended for their support and generosity.

"I also received raffle donations from The Toby Carvery, Birch Developments Ltd., Wilko at The Concourse, Asda Skelmersdale, The Treatment Rooms, Cassie Victoria & Associates, my family and many more. I'm overwhelmed with everyone's kindness.

"Thanks also to Hazel the manager of The Toby Carvery and her team for helping the night run so smoothly."

£2,000 grant for Up Holland Scout group

A WEST Lancs Scout group is one of nine young people's organisations to be awarded grant funding by Lancashire County Council.

A total of £9,000 worth of grants was approved by the council's cabinet the joint biggest award of £2,000 going to the 1st Up Holland (St Thomas the Martyr) Scout Group.

The group will use the money to buy two new beginners' canoes, flotation devices and securing straps.

Funding for the grants was recommended by local district youth councils.

Community High School aiming to 'rock' up funds for Multi Use Gaming Area

WEST Lancashire Community High have reached the finals of Rock FM's Lancashire's Schools Cash For Kids campaign.

The school in School Lane, Skemersdale is competing against nine others in the promotion running from March 8 to noon on Thursday, April 4, bidding to raise £2,000 which the radio station will match if successful.

A number of fundraising events are planned with the highlight being an Easter Bingo on Wednesday, April 3, which is also open to the public. Tickets are available from the school office at £1 entrance per person.

Meanwhile to launch their campaign Sharon Thorpe, the school's higher level teaching assistant and PTA secretary, took pupil, Mya Lloyd along to meet Nikki Thompson and Claire Trainor from Rock FM and receive their fundraising packs and buckets.

The school are raising funds to purchase and install a Multi Use Gaming Area.

Anyone who can assist them with their fundraising efforts can contact Sharon Thorpe by email at thorpe@westlancs.lancs.sch.uk or ring the school on 01695 721 487.

West Lancashire Community High pupil Mya Lloyd (centre) with Nikki Thompson and Claire Trainor from Rock FM .

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Don't miss the vote!

Residents urged to ensure they are on Electoral Register and to apply for postal or proxy votes if they can't attend on the day

VOTERS in 18 West Lancashire wards and 10 parish areas are set to go to the polls on Thursday, May 2 for the 2019 local elections.

And the borough council is reminding eligible residents that they can still vote in the elections even if they can't get to the polling station on that day, by aplying for either a postal vote or a proxy vote, where someone they nominate can go to their polling station to cast a vote on their behalf.

Kim Webber, returning officer for West Lancashire, said: "There are many reasons to choose to use this process and you don't need to be away or be housebound to apply for a postal or a proxy vote.

"But you should contact the council as soon as you can to make sure you can vote in these elections. Anyone who wants to vote in this year's elections, either by post, proxy or going to the polling station, must be on the Electoral Register."

The detail of the applications process is as follows:

■ Register to Vote

If people receive a poll card for this election, they are already registered to vote and do not need to do anything else. However, residents can check whether they're registered to vote by calling the elections office on 01695 585014.

People can fill in an online registration by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or www.westlancs.gov.uk/registertovote.

For more information email elections.office@westlancs.gov.uk.

If people do not have access to the Internet, they can ask the elections office for a paper registration form to be sent to them.

The closing date to register to vote at the May elections is midnight on Friday, April 12.

■ Postal or Proxy Votes

To apply for a postal or proxy vote form call the elections office on 01695 585014; email elections.office@westlancs.gov.uk; download an application form from www.westlancs.gov.uk/howtovote; or call in to the council offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

You can still vote in the forthcoming local elections even if you are unable to attend a polling station on the day.

Completed application forms for a postal vote must reach the council by 5pm on Monday, April 15, and completed application forms for a proxy vote must arrive by 5pm on Wednesday, April 24.

■ Emergency Proxy Votes

Applications to vote by emergency proxy at these elections can be applied for only on the grounds of a medical emergency or for occupation, service or employment reasons, where the reason occurred after 5pm on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

Completed applications must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire, L39 2DF by 5pm on Thursday May 2.

More information about the forthcoming local electons can be found by visiting www.westlancs.gov.uk/may2019.

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Skem firm's role in bid to improve health and safety in heavy industry

Report by **Henry James**

A SKELMERSDALE firm has played a key role in a new tracking system design to improve health and safety in heavy industries.

Software consultancy CoreRFID, based at the West Lancashire Investment Centre on White Moss Business Park, has collaborated with Hand Arm Vibration (HAV) risk management company, Reactec on the new automated management tracking and reporting system.

Reactec has developed a range of HAV management tools, which aim to improve protection for employees in heavy industries. These include its HAVwear wearable technology, HAVmeter tool mounted technology, mobile apps and an analytics software platform.

The new HAVwear device, is worn like a wristwatch, and provides real-use monitoring of HAV exposure when using power tools. It displays total vibration exposure, which helps workers manage their own exposure while the automatically collated data informs managers' efforts to control the risk.

The HAVwear device works with tool-tagging technology specifically designed and supplied by CoreRFID. The tags carry data about the tool, its make and model, a unique tool number, and an average tool vibration value.

CoreRFID technical sales director, Richard Harrison and technical director, Munzi Ali.

When workers operate a tool they sign it out with a personal swipe card that carries details of their allowed levels of vibration exposure.

CoreRFID designed the tags with a larger than standard antenna in order to cope with the transmission and reception problems found on vibrating and electrical tools. Additionally it created software to save space in the limited capacity of the tags and used encryption/decryption techniques to store the data and arrange production.

Each year British industry is faced with more than 3,000 litigation claims for industrial injury as a result of vibration-related diseases and it is estimated around two million UK workers are at risk according to the Health and Safety Executive. Employers are obliged to ensure that workers are not exposed to limits greater than regulations allow.

Reactec's HAVwear has been deployed in the construction, automotive and marine industries, energy and utilities sectors.

Reactec's chief executive, Jacqui McLaughlin, said: "The solution we've developed with the support of CoreRFID will make a real difference for businesses seeking to reduce health and legal risks."

And Munzi Ali, technical director of CoreRFID, added: "British workers exposed to high levels of vibration can develop conditions such 'vibration white finger' and carpal tunnel syndrome.

"Our collaboration with Reactec has produced a tool which can make a real and positive difference to reducing the health risk for workers and, in turn, employers.

"This is one of many examples where CoreRFID has developed bespoke RFID tags to help clients develop their products - track record we wish to continue."

The bishops pictured during their visit to Cardinal Heenan House.

Bishops visit Cardinal Heenan House to mark Dementia Prayer week

AUXILLARY Bishop of Liverpool, Tom Williams and Bishop of Whitby, Paul Ferguson visited Cardinal Heenan House care home in Roby Mill to mark Dementia Prayer week (March 12-19).

The visit began as an initiative by Reverend Jack Shepherd of St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale and developed as an ecumenical gathering. Bishop Paul was conducting a mission weekend in Skelmersdale and Burscough, so a visit to a care home was a part of his itinerary.

The bishops met the residents, families, staff and friends as they interacted with the Tovertafel. Developed in the Netherlands, Tovertafel (which means Magic Table in English) is a game for people with moderate to severe dementia, encouraging them to instinctively participate in order to stimulate both physical and social activity.

Since being installed at the home in 2018 it has provided hours of joy for residents and treasured moments with family members and carers.

The bishops also watched a presentation about living with dementia and the afternoon finished with refreshments and a prayer.

Vets' walking football project is up and running

WALKING football sessions set up by the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association are proving to be popular.

Working with different agencies such as Wigan Athletic Community Trust (WACT), the Royal British Legion, Lancashire Police, and the NHS, the aim of the sessions is to promote the mental health benefits of walking football and to encourage the veterans to be more active.

Alan Lewis, chairman of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association, said: "We are delighted to be working alongside WACT which is an incredible organisation with a huge reputation, not just in the North West, but across the country.

"We have already seen through our work with the trust that sport can play a really important role in helping people to talk about and look after their mental health. And we are really looking forward to being able to help those conversations continue throughout the WACT community projects.

"We can all struggle at any given time, at any given age, for any given reason. It is important that we are all aware of what to do if ever our mental health does deteriorate and, most importantly to remember, there is never any reason to suffer alone.

"The project is a free service which provides support to those living with isolation, mental health problem and other illness. The sport aims to help keep older players involved in football for longer and prevent them from 'hanging up their boots'before they need to. New walking football club associations and groups are setting up every week as its popularity rockets."

The veterans also want to thank Margaret Highton for her support.

Any men and women over the age of 50, particularly those who were in the services or reservists, are invited to participate in walking football at the Evermoor Hub Community Centre, Birleywood, Digmoor. For more information email svachair@outlook.com; ring 07939 660 048; or contact Ian Gaskell on 07889 537140.

THE Mayor and Deputy Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillors Noel Delaney and Gaynar Owen, pictured with pupils during their visit to St John's Catholic Primary School in Birch Green.

Civic duo go back to school for a day

THE Mayor and Deputy Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney and Councillor Gaynar Owen paid a visit to St John's Catholic Primary School in Birch Green. During their trip to the school in Flamstead the civic pair met members of the school council and enjoyed a tour of the building.

Garage donation is a helping hand for Haydn's Euro Games trip

SKEM Men-Aces' goalkeeper, Haydn Pulford has been given a helping hand in his bid to represent Team GB at the Euro Games in Geneva - thanks to the Champion.

Following an appeal in the paper for sponsors, Lindons Garage of Grimrod Place, Gillibrands Road kindly donated boots and goalie gloves.

Carl and Mim Eaton from the Men-Aces, said: "This is a wonderful gesture on the garage's behalf and Haydn is over the moon. He was like a kid in a sweet shop when choosing his boots!

"This is also a boost for the club as it helps towards the funding for Haydn and is one less worry for us.

"It also shows that there are people out there supporting us which is really important to us."

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Campaigners welcome High Court ruling on fracking policy

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A LOCAL campaign group against fracking in West Lancashire has welcomed a High Court ruling which says the Government's policy on the process which claims to combat climate change, was unlawful and had failed to take account of latest scientific evidence.

Planning guidance issued by the Government last year says local councils should 'recognise the benefits of on-shore oil and gas development...for the security of energy supplies and supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy.'

It adds that planning authorities should put in place policies to facilitate their exploration and extraction.

Anti-fracking group, Talk Fracking, challenged the policy in the High Court saying that ministers had failed to take into account the latest evidence which raised doubt over fracking's low carbon credentials.

Justice Dove found that the Government had failed to consider the latest scientific evidence. He also ruled that it had unlawfully failed to carry out a lawful public consultation when the policy was revised.

Maureen Mills campaigning against fracking in West Lancashire.

Maureen Mills, of Moss Allicance, which is made up of groups opposed to plans by Aurora Energy Resources to frack at Altcar Moss, said that Justice Dove's decisions were "extremely important and most welcome."

She said: "It is clear from the judgments that adopting a policy that instructs local councils that fracking is beneficial in tackling climate change is contrary to scientific evidence; the very evidence put forward in the consultation on the proposed National Planning Policy Framework revisions by Talk Fracking which was not taken into account.

"We believe that the only way forward is a truly meaningful public consultation, not couched in misleading questions, following which the Government demonstrates that they are taking into consideration the new scientific developments that undermine its policy of support for fracking.

Watching

"This is what opponents of the Government's support for fracking have long been calling for and now it has the full support of the legal system. We will be watching carefully as things progress and we will keep residents informed."

Following the ruling, a spokeswoman from the Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government said: "We note the judgment in the case brought by Talk Fracking and will now consider our next steps.

"Environmental protections are at the heart of our new planning rulebook, setting clear expectations for future development.

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Memorial to Lathom Remount Depot finally unveiled

...but inscription on long-awaited tribute contains a spelling mistake!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A MEMORIAL to the Lathom Remount depot which has been under wraps since last year has now been unveiled - with a spelling mistake in the inscription!

The memorial, situated on Hall Lane, Lathom, is a joint initiative between local heritage groups and Lathom Parish Council.

Parish Councillor Eddie Pope said that the spelling mistake (it reads preperation instead of preparation) was down to human error and will be fixed as soon as possible.

During the First World War some 330,000 horses and mules were transported to Lathom from the USA, Canada and many other areas to be prepared for service in the war.

In 2006, Nigel Neil, an archaeological consultant for Lathom Park Trust, researched and gathered information concerning the huge Lathom reception depot for First World War horses in the National Archives.

His work was a forerunner for the printing, by Lathom Park Trust, of a booklet entitled *Horses For The War*.

Then in 2012, a number of individuals representing Lathom Parish Council, Lathom Park Trust, Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society and West Lancashire Heritage Society met to discuss plans to erect a memorial to the men and women who worked at the depot and the horses that were cared for there.

Bob Ireland (West Lancs Heritage), Peter Ferguson (Lathom Park Trust), Eddie Pope (Lathom Parish Council) and Richard Houghton (Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society) pictured at the memorial.

Cllr. Pope said that "after much hard work and discussions with West Lancs Council about location" the four organisations commissioned a memorial, to be erected at the entrance to Lathom Park.

The memorial, provided by Hardscape Ltd, was finally delivered in 2018 but remained under wraps while Richard Houghton, founder and secretary of Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society, completed "an extensive piece of work to enable the memorial to be secured and positioned appropriately".

Cllr Pope added that a formal dedication service is planned for the summer to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Versailles Agreement which signalled the end of war.

Council seeks to allay public's safety concerns

WEST Lancs Council has issued a statement seeking to reassure residents that the authority is working with Lancashire Police to keep Ormskirk safe.

Following safety concerns raised by local residents in recent weeks, the council and the police want to reassure people that action is being taken to tackle issues; that these are isolated incidents and that crime remains low in West Lancashire.

The council says there are CCTV cameras in key places across Ormskirk town centre and the authority's CCTV team have been working with the police to tackle youth gangs suspected of anti-social behaviour and burglaries in the town and arrests have been made.

Meanwhile the council is continuing to provide £88,000 of funding to Lancashire Police to have police community support officer (PCSOs) dedicated solely to working in West Lancashire.

These officers are the eyes and ears on the ground for police officer colleagues and provide important information so they can prioritise any crime issues.

The council and the police are also working to support the licensed trade to help them reinvigorate the local Pub Watch scheme for Ormskirk, which will provide greater co-ordination aimed to prevent alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in the town.

Action is also being taken to work proactively with children in Ormskirk and across West Lancashire to warn young people about the dangers of getting involved in gangs.

A film called *Crossing The Line*, commissioned by the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, shows the risks and consequences of joining organised crime gangs, and aims to discourage young people from getting involved in crime and gang culture.

Heidi McDougall, chair of the West Lancs Community Safety Partnership.

The local authority and the police are leading partnership members and police officers have shown the film and given accompanying talks to more than 2,000 schoolchildren aged 11 to 13 across West Lancashire in the current academic year.

The council says this has been well received by local schools and planning is underway to repeat the exercise in the future.

Chair of the Community Safety Partnership, Heidi McDougall, said: "The council, police and wider partners of the Community Safety Partnership are working closely together to tackle the issues that residents are highlighting about safety in the borough. The work that is taking place is achieving good results."

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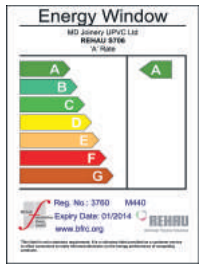

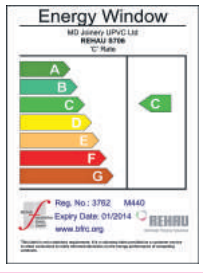

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Second tenant signed up for street food court at Concourse centre

Report by **Henry James**

CONCOURSE Kitchen, the street food court at the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale, has signed up its second tenant.

RJ's Food Emporium, the brainchild of David Slozynski and his son Alex, will serve a range of sweet treats, such as cakes, muffins and scones, as well as hot pancakes with sweet fillings, and hot and cold drinks.

The family said they wanted to open a café to help enhance the feeling of a local community hub.

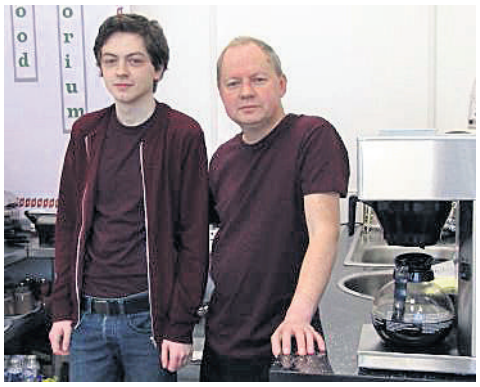
David said: "Concourse Kitchen is the ideal location for us to start our business. The Concourse is a place that all local people know and come shopping to and we wanted to add a high-quality, café-style eatery, where you can sit and relax with friends and family in a friendly setting and enjoy really good food.

Pleased

"It's a superb addition to the Concourse Shopping Centre and we can hardly wait to welcome customers."

RJ's Emporium joins JOCs, which opened in autumn last year and serves a selection of light bites, including jacket potatoes, New York-style hot dogs and seasonal dishes.

The double-fronted 1,597 sq ft unit, which overlooks the centre's grounds, comprises four affordable food outlets and seating for approximately 40 diners.



Alex and David Slozynski, who have opened RJ's Food Emporium at the Concourse.

Concourse centre manager, Gary Mitchell, said: "It's satisfying to see yet another local, independent food operator opening at the Concourse shopping centre.

"We've been pleased with the response from shoppers to the Concourse Kitchen so far and we know they'll welcome another vendor."

Each kiosk is 68 sq ft and has its own water, drainage and electricity supplies and is secured with shutters. Concourse Kitchen will be open throughout the normal centre trading hours.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the opportunities at the Concourse Kitchen can contact Dianne Fletcher, assistant centre manager on 01695 723785 or by email at dfletcher@lcpproperties.co.uk.

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Famous Liverpool women will be topic at next U3A group meeting

NEXT monthly meeting of the Skemersdale U3A group will be held on Thursday, March 21 when guest speaker, D. Ben Rees will talk about 'Famous Liverpool Women'.

This will be in the Ecumenical Centre, opposite the Concourse shopping centre, starting at 2.15pm and guests are welcome to drop in.

There is an entrance fee of £1 and further details are available by ringing Alice on 01695 729998; on the group's website u3asites.org.uk/skelmersdale; and on Facebook

At the group's last meeting members enjoyed learning about the history of our area with a talk by Carol Fenlon on 'the influence of places in my writing' in her novel, The Mere.

Members of the walking group talked about this when they met to walk along the Leeds Liverpool Canal.

And it has been a busy month with the gardening group visiting Bank Hall to see the snow-white carpet of snowdrops which gets more eye-catching each year.

Some of the pupils and staff at St James' Catholic Primary School, Ashurst who dressed up for World Book Day.

Pupils get into character for World Book Day

PUPILS - and staff - at St James' Catholic Primary School in Ashurst Road dressed up as their favourite characters from literature to mark World Book Day.

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ACTIVE LEARNING

Last week saw the first ever Bishop Martin Quidditch Cup! After being placed into teams by the Sorting Hat, the children thoroughly enjoyed actively participating in learning this new and exciting game based on the famous Harry Potter stories. The staff had a great time in their role as the golden snitch!

INSPIRING LEARNING

At the end of half term, Bishop Martin CE Primary School went 'Down the Rabbit Hole' with a whole school theme around Alice in Wonderland. The children, from Nursery to Year 6, learned about the story and characters. They designed their own top hat and wore them to a Mad Hatter's Tea Party where all the food had been made by the children. The week ended when over 200 children travelled to St George's Hall which had been transformed into a magical, colourful, fantastical world of wonderland! They joined Alice on her adventures, had a chat with the Cheshire Cat and watched the bossy Queen of Hearts play croquet with a flamingo!

CREATIVE LEARNING

World Book Day at Bishop Martin CE Primary School was an interesting day! The children were transformed into their favourite characters and enjoyed taking part in a variety of book-related activities and competitions. It was so hard to pick a winner but Poppy (from The Trolls) and Ms Trunchball (from Matilda) stole the show!

RESULTS

- End of KS2 attainment for the last three years has been in the top 20% nationally.

WHAT OUR PARENTS SAY

(Recent parental questionnaire) Nov 2018

- Bishop Martin has community spirit, family orientated and a warm atmosphere.
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OFSTED 2018

- Bishop Martin is a successful and nurturing school where pupils' care, guidance and support are given the highest priority.
- By the time they leave Year 6 most pupils, including those who are disadvantaged have made strong progress and achieve well.
- Pupils feel safe and are well looked after.

OFSTED EYFS 2018

- Children develop extremely positive attitudes to learning and many make good progress.

WHAT OUR CHILDREN SAY

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More views wanted on review of polling districts and stations

Council particularly keen to hear from anyone with expertise in disabled access matters

WEST Lancs Council is encouraging more people to have their say on its review of all the polling districts and stations across the borough.

Residents, other interested persons and organisations are invited to give feedback on any aspect of polling districts and polling places currently used for all elections, the proposed alternatives and also to suggest additional alternatives which may be appropriate.

Local political parties, community groups, MPs and councillors will also be consulted.

The area covered by the review is the West Lancashire parliamentary constituency and those parts of the South Ribble parliamentary constituency that are within the borough council's area.

A number of people have already given their views through the public consultation, which runs until Friday, May 24, but the council would like to hear from more people.

Submissions to the consultation will form part of the final proposals for future provision of polling districts and places.

Access arrangements for premises or facilities will form part of the review. The aim of the council in carrying out the review is to ensure premisesare suitable and accessible for as many voters as possible within the borough.

Electors are encouraged to share their views and the council says it would particularly welcome comments from any person or body with expertise in access for people with disabilities.

Information on the current polling places and plans of individual polling districts, along with the initial proposals and comments from the electoral registration officer, can be viewed at the council offices at 52 Derby Street Ormskirk or by visiting www.westlancs.gov.uk/elections.

Kim Webber, electoral registration officer at West Lancashire Borough Council.

Kim Webber, electoral registration officer for West Lancashire, said: "We would encourage all residents who have comments to make to contact us and let us know their views."

Anyone wishing to comment on the review can do so by the following methods:

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New High Sheriff of Lancashire announced

THE new High Sheriff of Lancashire has been announced as The Honourable Ralph C. Assheton, founder and director of Bowland Bioenergy Ltd and chairman of Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership.

After gaining a diploma in rural estate management from the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Mr Assheton then qualified as a chartered surveyor working in Berkshire and Lancashire.

He joined the Territorial Army in 1987 and was commissioned as an officer the following year and his military career included service with the Life Guards in Saudi Arabia in the first Gulf War and Operation Banner in Ulster.

He also led his regiment's Wigan Squadron and commanded the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry regiment from 2005 to 2007.

'Great honour'

The new High Sheriff will be sworn in at a special ceremony on Friday, April 5, when he takes over the office from the current incumbent, Anthony Attard.

Personally appointed by the Queen, the role of High Sheriff of Lancashire, which is unpaid and voluntary, dates back more than 1,000 years.

Mr Assheton said: "To become High Sheriff of Lancashire is a great honour for me. In my year of responsibility I will endeavour to work closely with the police, the judiciary and our emergency services.

"It is also my intention to encourage and to support the many voluntary groups who work tirelessly to create positive and lasting relationships with all of Lancashire's diverse cultures and religious groups."

Charity grant will help sanctuary pay vets' bills

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A WEST Lancs animal sanctuary which cares for unwanted and neglected animals, including sick and injured hedgehogs, has received a £5,000 grant towards its vet bills from charity Support Adoption For Pets.

Woodlands in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood, cares for a range of animals but specialises in re-homing cats and guinea pigs, as well as rehabilitating hedgehogs.

It is the only animal shelter in Lancashire and Merseyside with a dedicated hedgehog facility taking in between 600 and 700 a year and as many as ten per day during the 'peak' season from March to September, when the animals emerge from hibernation.

Liz Gould from Woodland Animal Sanctuary receives the cheque from Katy Johnson from Pets at Home.

Thankful

Support Adoption For Pets was established by pet supplies retailer, Pets At Home in 2006. It is the UK's largest grant-awarding animal charity donating money given by customers at Pets At Home stores.

Liz Gould, from Woodlands, said: "This grant will benefit our sanctuary by covering some of our vet bills and caring fees for the many animals we rescue, rehabilitate and re-home, ensuring we can continue to help as many as possible.

"The cost of offering the best care for the many kinds of animal we take in can often add up so that's where the grant will be a huge help to us and we are exceptionally thankful to the Support Adoption For Pets team."

Laura Messenger, grant funding co-ordinator at Support Adoption For Pets, added: "It is a real privilege to be able to help such an important organisation that works tirelessly to care for and re-home pets in need.

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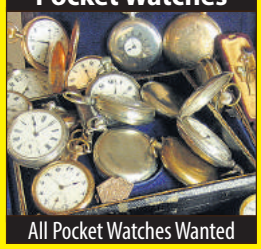

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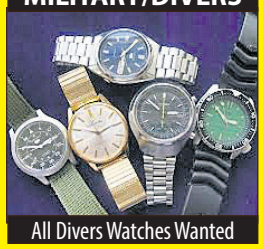

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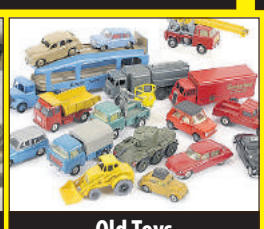

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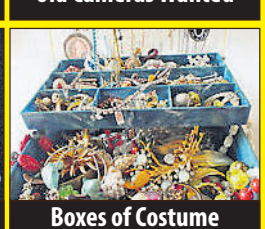

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Graffiti artist has designs on brightening up the borough with wildlife murals. . .

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Martin's owl mural at the Slipway pub.

A PROFESSIONAL graffiti artist whose work has appeared on TV is appealing to the residents of West Lancashire for any wall space which he can use to create wildlife murals for locals to enjoy.

A graffiti artist for 20 years, the last six in a professional capacity, Martin Hayhurst recently moved to Ormskirk from Yorkshire and has already 'made his mark' on the area with a stunning mural of an owl at the Slipway pub in Burscough .

As well as working for companies including L'Oreal, Nikon, Microsoft, and Adobe, the 40-year-old has also been called upon to paint murals for various TV series for ITV and Channel Four productions.

He says his owl creation at the Slipway has been "greatly welcomed by the local community" and claims Martin Mere Wetland Centre has also expressed an interest in offering him wall space to create wildlife paintings.

He says: "My aim is to paint a series of birds and other wildlife, including kestrels, herons, owls and much more." And he is keen to share his love of urban art with the wider community.

"Obviously to do that I need wall space to work on so I'd like to reach out to any locals who have got wall space they feel my art would work on.

"I have a business providing bespoke murals which, happily, keeps me busy enough professionally, so I'm offering these services for free - as long as I can create the pieces I have planned."

Anyone interested can see Martin's work and contact him via website www.graffitiartists2hire.co.uk.

County's library computer facilities to get £2m upgrade

LANCASHIRE County Council's cabinet has approved a £2m upgrade to libraries' publicly-available computers and equipment.

The decision means that 584 free-to-access computers will be installed, along with a faster broadband service, to replace the current facilities across all libraries in the county.

The cabinet has also agreed to improve the printers so that members of the public will be able to print to a range of low-cost network printers at all libraries, as well as enabling customers to use their own devices to print using the public wi-fi. 50 self-service units that are used to issue and return books will also be replaced.

The council says the upgrade will ensure libraries can cater for changes in the way visitors are using the computer network.

The move was welcomed by County Councillor Peter Buckley, cabinet member for community and cultural services. He said: "It is vital that our libraries adapt to meet the demands and needs of how people want to use them. An increasing number of customers are using library computers or bringing their own devices to use our libraries as a work space. We welcome this developing trend but we need to make sure that the computer equipment is up-to-date with fast Internet connectivity and good wi-fi availability.

"The county council's library network enables everyone to have free access to a computer and the Internet, something that is essential in the modern age. When the new computers and printers are installed, we hope that even more people will visit and use our much-valued libraries."

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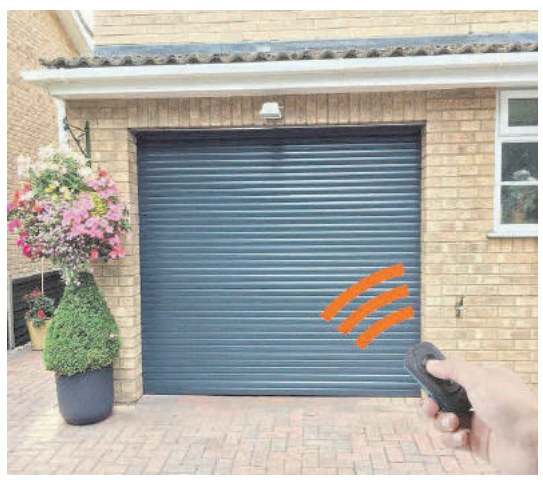

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It's wrong to blame cyclists for the long-term problems on our crumbling and overcrowded roads

I WAS disheartened - disturbed even - but not wholly surprised to find the latest derisive letter in the anti-cycling series, this time courtesy of Pete Monks (Letters, March 6).

I could easily pick holes in Pete's arguments all day, and the same could be applied to Jim Sharpe's inflammatory rant from a couple of weeks back too.

There are much bigger forces at work here, however, than the interpretation of a non-statutory Highway Code rule - primarily the lack of political will to properly invest in our transport infrastructure.

Local councillors, MPs, the police, transport planners ALL need to start taking responsibility for our decrepit road network by shifting active travel infrastructure further up their agendas.

This is by no means a knee-jerk reaction to these recent letters and the incendiary harassment that cyclists receive on the roads from motorists. It is a long-term problem that has needed addressing for decades.

This melting pot of cycling's recent rise in popularity (both as a sport and as a mode of travel), our crumbling road infrastructure, and the fact that there are more cars on our roads than ever before is all exacerbating the issue, and the Government has to start making a decision as to whether they act on this now or do nothing and allow it to keep stewing. The latter of course shouldn't even be considered an option.

Even if we take bicycles out the equation, there are still far too many cars on our roads (and pavements) and our road surfaces are still in dire need of major investment.

As a cyclist, I would much rather be riding on segregated cycle lanes and where this isn't possible, I would much rather be riding on smooth, wide and safe roads, that all road users can share in harmony.

Thus it would be more worthwhile for the likes of Pete and Jim to vent their frustrations out on their local councillors and help push this issue of infrastructure further up the agenda.

No-one gains anything from writing letters to local newspapers pouring yet more scorn on an already fragile situation.

If anyone has a problem with club cyclists, why not come down one Sunday and join us for a ride to get a sense of perspective and how it really feels to ride as part of a fast-moving group on our appalling roads. Otherwise, let's start applying more pressure on our local councils to start taking action now.

Bob Jungels, Westhead.

Ormskirk needs a revamped bus station and better transport links not more student flats

I REMEMBER first reading about the plans for new housing and provisions and while it's never nice to lose Green Belt or change places that you know so well, we do need to be ambitious and cater for all.

Or so I thought when the buildings were to be family homes, modern businesses or leisure places, which Ormskirk definitely needs.

I am ashamed to find my trust in this council is misplaced. I did not expect personal business gain under the name of a council working to improve the interests of constituents.

Can the university not provide and gain from a campus built on their own site? They have built many add-ons to their building this year so why not put a campus on too? Probably because the number of students has been falling in the past few years.

I would be happy to see a decent re-vamp of the bus station, after all it is filthy, bears wrong travel information and has shelters built with plastic 'glass' that is broken and an accident waiting to happen when you tell a child not to touch the sharp edges remaining.

The big question is do we want a smaller station. NO! Just because services have been cut to the bone we must plan for an increase, especially as there are going to be more houses built.

What's the plan council? Shrug and think we will walk to Skelmersdale, Southport, Wigan etc., or clog up the bypass with temporary stands that will do for now.

Kids are using those buses for school, college, older people to shop and residents to visit decent shops and leisure facilities that you have got rid of in Ormskirk.

We need that transport and a lot more of it please. If you want votes, then listen now.

Janet Ingman, by email.

Time to stop this destruction of town's character

HOW right CT of Ormskirk (Letters, March 6) regarding the planned demolition of the Regal Cinema building.

Over the years numerous grand buildings of great character have been destroyed within this historic market town.

Residents appear to have no say in these matters, or are ignored if they do. It is time everyone, particularly the council, looked at the big picture before it is too late and developers completely take over.

Students are now (mostly) accepted as being a welcome addition to the town, but this should not be at the expense of everyone else.

Surely building even more accommodation in the centre of Ormskirk is ridiculous when numerous plans are already in place, and many student-let properties remain empty.

Lynda Gerrard, Ormskirk.

Road repairs a job well done - now do the rest!

WE have had about 500metres of road surfacing carried out to Dorchester Road, Up Holland - a good job by council contractors carried out with minimum of fuss and efficiency. Most impressive.

However, the bottom stretch of Mill Lane from Hall Green to the Windmill is in a parlous state and so is the lower car park to the Beacon.

I trust, and request, repairs will be implemented speedily before any accidents to pedestrians are caused through pot holes and vehicles.

Graham P. Walker, Up Holland.

PICTURE of the week

CHAMPION reader Tom Arnold submitted this shot of the iconic water tower at Tower Hill, Ormskirk, built in 1854.

To submit a photo to be considered for inclusion in our 'Picture of the week' slot, simply email it to editorial@champnews.com.

Don't forget to include a caption, together with your name and the area you are from, and mark your submission 'Picture of the week'.

Loss of wildlife haven an act of foolish vandalism

I HAVE just seen what can only be described as a 'prison compound' on what was once a beautiful wildlife haven on the horse burial field in Lathom where the council gave permission to erect this awful monstrosity.

This, to my mind, is a pure act of vandalism by a disgraceful council who want to ruin our beautiful countryside - rows and rows of shiny steel barbs and razor netting glinting in the sunlight, where once were trees, hedgerows and wildlife

I suggest the councillors who agreed to this awful monstrosity go and visit the site to see what they have done to what once was a haven for wildlife.

The sign saying 'Welcome to Historic Lathom' is a total misnomer now with this act of vandalism allowed by a council of fools.

Frank Baybutt, Burscough.

Remainers' determination to stop No Deal Brexit is an attack on our democracy that we must be prepared to resist

I DO not understand how the political elite, who voted for a referendum to be held and in the two largest election manifestos promised to honour the outcome, because they didn't like the outcome are now trying to stop it.

In the 'people's vote' held on June 26, 2016 out of the 46.5 million people eligible to vote only 16.1 million voted remain, that is 35per cent not the 50 percent-plus they think that they were entitled to.

Part of the problem is that we have too many career politician who have only known life under EU rule and have very little experience of life outside of the Westminster bubble, and who unfortunately put their CV first, the party second and then if there is any spare time, the electorate and possibly even the country.

In reality, virtually none of the MPs has a working majority from their constituency to support a remain agenda. If you look at the number of people who voted remain in any individual constituency and compare it to the number of constituent eligible to vote you will find that the percentage is below 50 in almost every case.

Even the Prime Minister doesn't have a majority. Theresa May, MP for Maidenhead, had 44,086 votes remain which was 53.9 percent on the day but only 43 percent of the constituents. Anna Soubry, MP for Broxtowe, had 29,672 vote remain which was 45.5 percent on the day but only 35.5 percent of the constituents. She couldn't even convince her own constituents to support her point of view and apparently a number are so unhappy that she is not representing them or their views that they are trying to get her de-selected.

There are many examples and hopefully at the next election the electorate will duly reward them for their lack of loyalty and the disruption that they have been causing.

Nigel Farage MEP, architect of Brexit and co-vice-chair of Leave Means Leave recently warned that the group of fanatical remain rebels was well organised and financed and determined to stop No Deal Brexit at any cost and using any tactic, no matter how divisive, and that the country must be prepared to resist these attacks on our democracy.

James Hancock, a common man, Ormskirk.

Entrance gates will make town centre safer and more enjoyable for all

AS a lifelong Ormskirk resident who visits the town centre on an almost daily basis I totally disagree with Leon Graham's opinion (Letters, February 20) that entrance gates are unnecessary to protect the pedestrian zone as "few vehicles" go into the town centre.

I have witnessed on a regular basis vans, cars, mopeds, taxis and even a juggernaut driving through the zoned area. In fact, taxis frequently drive through the 'No Entry' signs by Nat West Bank as a short cut through the town, presumably to avoid the one-way system!

I have observed people parking their cars and entering retail and betting shops, as well as vans loading and unloading between 10am and 4 pm.

Mr Graham blames "pedestrians who seem not to pay attention to obvious motor noises" when it is their right to walk freely in a designated pedestrian area without trying to dodge prohibited vehicles! Is it not possible that some people just refuse to move out of the way as they shouldn't have to?

What about vulnerable people, such as the elderly and infirm, people with visual and hearing disabilities and young families enjoying a relaxing stroll in a safe unpolluted area?

It is not a publicity stunt as Mr Graham states but a way of making our town centre safer and more enjoyable for all to visit!

Jill Aspinall, by email.

● IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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County's Trading Standards officers issue scams alert

COUNTY council watchdogs are warning residents in Lancashire to beware of a number scams including antiques cons, bogus builders and unregulated wine investment schemes.

The authority's Trading Standards department has issued the alerts after suspicious activity was reported across the county.

In Ormskirk, officers say that leaflets are being delivered to people's homes encouraging them to sell valuable items such as watches, military items and antiques.

County Councillor Albert Atkinson.

The leaflets urge people to book a follow-up visit the next day and residents have reported low valuations and pushy sales tactics.

Trading Standards advises people to be careful who they let into their home and to shop around when considering selling valuable items.

Householders are also urged to beware of rogue builders who cold-called at a home in Accrington offering to fix a loose roof tile.

They then fraudulently claimed that thousands of pounds of repair work needed doing on the roof but after receiving the money they disappeared without doing any work.

Meanwhile persistent cold-callers offering to jet-wash and steam-clean driveways have been reported in the Preston area.

And elsewhere in the county a resident lost a large amount of money on a wine investment scheme. While not illegal, wine investment schemes are not regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and are not covered by the Financial Ombudsman Service so buyers are told to beware.

People are also being warned about drain-cleaning services that charge too much and residents are urged to shop around, even when urgent work is needed.

County Councillor Albert Atkinson, deputy leader of Lancashire County Council, said: "Scammers will try anything to get people's money. They target vulnerable people and use pushy sales tactics on the doorstep.

"No matter how much pressure people put on, you don't have to agree to work there and then and we'd recommend you always shop around.

"The recent windy weather means loose roof tiles are a problem, but you should always get a number of quotes when looking for a company to make repairs.

Pushy sales tactics

"You also need to beware of antiques-buying leaflets as there have been reports of low valuations and very pushy sales tactics being used.

"And while wine investment schemes are not illegal, you need to be very careful as their activities are not regulated so there is no way of holding companies accountable if you lose money.

"Anyone wanting advice should contact Trading Standards who will be happy to help."

The county council runs a Scambuster Stan Facebook page which can be found at https://en-gb.facebook.com/pg/StanleyDards/about/ and also advises finding a trader by visiting www.safetrader.org.uk.

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Borough flies the flag for Commonwealth Day

WEST Lancs Council marked Commonwealth Day with a special flag-raising ceremony at the borough council offices in Ormskirk.

The Mayor, Councillor Noel Delaney and other civic dignitaries were joined by children from Ormskirk CE Primary School as messages from the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations were read out.

Cllr Delaney also addressed those present and a specially-written Commonwealth Affirmation was read before the flag was raised.

The theme for this year's Commonwealth Day was 'A Connected Commonwealth', with member countries being urged to protect natural resources and the environment. It has particular significance as it is the 70th anniversary of the 1949 London Declaration which brought the Commonwealth into being.

● Right: Civic dignitaries and Ormskirk CE Primary School pupils at the Commonwealth Day ceremony.

Top marks for county's schools

ACCORDING to recent Government figures, 90% of schools in Lancashire are rated as good or outstanding.

This means that the county's schools are in the top third in the country, while compared to similar local authorities, Lancashire comes out joint top.

Figures to the end of January 2019 show that 24% of Lancashire schools were rated outstanding and 66% as good, compared to 20% and 65% respectively for England as a whole.

The county's figure for 'requires improvement' is 9% - lower than the rest of the country at 11%; and only 2% are judged 'inadequate', with the figure for the rest of the country 4%.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "This is tremendous news. It's great to see that the latest statistics from the Department for Education back up what we already know - that the quality of schools in Lancashire are amongst the best in the country.

"To have 4% more 'outstanding' schools than the England average is not easy, as outstanding ratings are very difficult to achieve.

"I'm proud of our schools here in Lancashire. These figures clearly demonstrate the high quality of headteachers, their staff and governors and the commitment of pupils and families.

"Together, we are working hard to fulfil our ambition that all our pupils attend a school which is rated as good or better, and we have an excellent track record in helping schools achieve this.

"The majority of schools choose to receive their support and advisory services from Lancashire County Council and I think this continued success is a tribute to the strong partnership we have with Lancashire schools."

Widow who forgave killers to speak at local church

A WIDOW who publicly forgave two men who killed her husband in a vicious attack, is set to tell her story at a church in West Lancs.

Maureen Greaves, who later went on to receive the British Empire Medal in recognition of her services to the community, will give a talk at Parbold Evangelical Church in Chorley Road on Saturday, March 23.

Her husband, Alan, was brutally beaten as he was on his way to help at a midnight service at his local church in Sheffield on Christmas Eve 2012.

The church organist died three days later in hospital from catastrophic head injuries.

One of his assailants, Jonathon Bowling, was sentenced to life in prison for murder, while the other, Ashley Foster received nine years for manslaughter.

Afterwards, Maureen made a public declaration of her forgiveness for the pair.

The couple had set up a food bank which Maureen continued after Alan's death leading to her being awarded the BEM in 2015.

Doors will open at 6.50pm and refreshments will be provided. For more information contact David Secrett on 07756 962 054.

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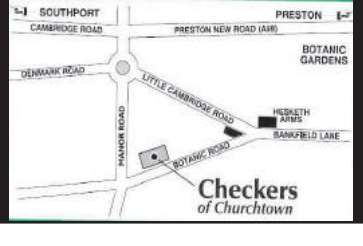

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Lancashire Care Trust's Older Adults Mental Health Team.

Care trust's Older Adults team shortlisted for award

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust's Older Adults Mental Health Team have been shortlisted for this year's HSJ Value in Healthcare Awards.

The awards seek to recognise and reward outstanding efficiency and improvement.

The trust's older adults inpatient mental health wards have been shortlisted in the 'Improving Value in the Care of Older Patients' category for their work in successfully implementing a new observation system to enhance patient experience.

Previously, patients who intermittently presented at an increased level of risk to themselves and others were placed on continuous 'safe and supportive observations', which were facilitated by one or more members of the nursing team.

Staff working on the wards identified that the system was not always effective for patients and often resulted in increased challenging behaviours and at times could not always be adapted to suit the individual patient's needs.

Following the implementation of the new zonal system, dementia patients are now able to benefit from a new and improved observation system which reduces the level of challenging behaviour, reduces patient boredom and enables staff to provide safe patient care tailored to their needs.

Lisa Moorhouse, head of operations for the Mental Health Network and Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "The new systems now means that we have designated staff assigned to an area and managing the patients within this. This has had a really positive impact on staff morale, patients feel less restricted and we have also had great feedback from patients and their families."

The winners will be announced at a ceremony in Manchester on Thursday, May 23.

Edge Hill simulation facility for policing and law students opened

A NEW training and simulation facility for students studying policing and law degrees is now open at Edge Hill University.

The building on the Ormskirk campus will be used by students to work through policing and law exercises in a realistic domestic setting including features such as a three-piece suite, kitchen units and dining and bedroom furniture, scenarios they would discover in real home environments.

In addition to the traditional décor are some more unusual features such as a 'parade' room for students to receive their briefings and four syndicate rooms for learning and teaching activities.

Each room in the house contains technology linked to a control room allowing staff to monitor investigations and exercises and allow students to watch their work and share comments as a group.

The ground floor also includes functional elements of a police station, including a custody suite and cell.

Andrew Whittle, Edge Hill's Programme Leader for BA (Hons) Policing said: "These new facilities will enable policing and other students to work together in areas such as gathering and analysing evidence, including forensic evidence at crime scenes, in a realistic residential environment.

Students in the new training and simulation facility for those studying policing and law degrees at Edge Hill University. Photo by Phil Tragen.

"The students will also be able to practice the interview techniques used by police through role play, while being monitored via camera to enable a review of their activities and ensure the rights of suspects are upheld."

University vice-chancellor, Dr John Cater, added: "The assistance and support we've received from senior police officers from across the North West demonstrates the importance of the facility, and their input has ensured our students will receive the best possible learning experiences to help them enter their chosen careers."

In addition to the new facility, students studying in the Department of Law and Criminology are also benefiting from a newly-developed £6m Law and Psychology building, which provides contemporary teaching and learning facilities.

The three-storey building includes a 265-seat lecture theatre, seminar and tutorial rooms, and social learning areas which encourage a more informal and interactive style of learning. Also on campus, there is a 'mooting' room (a mock courtroom) where policing, law and criminology students can train and practice their advocacy skills and cross-examination techniques, as well as preparing for giving evidence in court.

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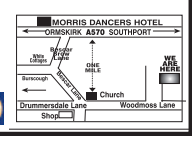

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Teenager wins rave reviews for classic role

A TALENTED teenager from Ormskirk has played one of the leading roles in an acclaimed production of a Greek tragedy.

Lily-Joy Lancashire played Andromache in Trojan Women by Euripides, performed by St Mary's College in Crosby to sell-out crowds, first at the school and the following evening in the University of Liverpool's Stanley Theatre.

The 16-year-old and the other 29 talented young actors won rave reviews for their performance.

Themes

The tragedy follows the fates of the women of Troy after their city has been sacked and their husbands killed.

Although the play was written in the 5th century BC its central themes of fate, freedom and the horror of war have resonance for modern audiences.

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Budding table tennis ace Charlie has sights set on national title

A TALENTED young table tennis player from West Lancashire is set to represent the county in the 2018 Butterfly Schools' Individual Table Tennis Championships National Finals.

Charlie Williams, a Year 6 pupil at St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Ormskirk, will be bidding to be crowned England under-11s champion when he lines up against other budding ping pong stars at Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton on Saturday, April 27.

And an impressive showing at the event could see him earn selection for the national team at an international event in June.

The Aldersley Village competition is the largest one-day event in the English table tennis calendar featuring 400 children and young people from 50 counties, competing in age categories at under-11, under-13, under-16 and under-19.

A total of 850 games will be played on 32 tables on the day.

All schools, primary and secondary are eligible to enter players in the county rounds in order to qualify for these national finals.

Following the championships, the English Schools Table Tennis Committee will select representative teams to play in an invitation International featuring England, Guernsey, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Scotland, and Wales.

Table tennis ace Charlie Williams is aiming to become under-11s national champion.

St Anne's PE teacher, Clare Pope, said: "We are all very proud of Charlie. He is a very athletic boy who puts his all into everything he does and you can't wish for a better quality to have."

Singers invited to join in Good Friday performance at church

SINGERS and choirs are invited to take part in a performance of John Stainer's The Crucifixion at Christ Church, Long Lane, Aughton on Good Friday April 19 from 7pm.

The Crucifixion, 'A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer' is an oratorio composed in 1887.

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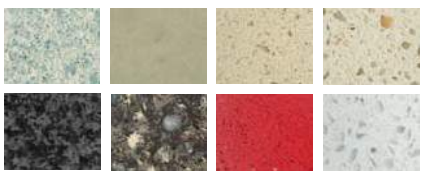

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My friend's 'caring' collies were an example to us all

I READ a story the other day about a dog in a rescue kennels which suddenly went blind with a detached retina.

Apparently there is no hope of her ever getting her sight back so the kennels were trying to find a suitable new owner who could cope with her blindness. And by now I'll bet they have found her a splendid new owner to look after her.

But this story reminded me of another dog afflicted with blindness as she got older - and this one had a very happy ending of a different sort.

She was a rough collie, very similar to my own Cinders, owned by the landlord of a pub I frequented when I was living in Colchester and he and his wife became good friends of mine. He had bred from her and the resultant two puppies, which were very large for collies, were inseparable from mum so he kept them both.

Near to this pub was Colchester's lovely Castle Park, a huge area of grassland and trees where he normally let the dogs run free for a while each evening. And this posed a problem for his much-loved bitch. Put simply, she could no longer see the wood for the trees and started running into them. She too had gone blind.

The obvious answer was to keep her on a lead, but her two offspring had another and better plan. Having been told all about what they were doing, I went outside to watch the three of them.

It was a truly amazing and heart-warming sight. The three of them, the two young dogs and their now blind mother, were running together in the park - one of the youngsters on each side of mum literally guiding her round the trees (and other obstacles such as litter bins and people) at her top speed.

Nobody had taught them to do this, between them they had worked it out for themselves. So if anybody thought dogs cannot possibly love other dogs - and thinking of guide dogs, other people as well - perhaps they should think again. I reckon as long as she had her two sons to look after her, she had no need of a human with specialist training to keep her safe.

Civilised

I believe that dogs, having been around us and living with us for millennia, are quite capable of a very deep affection for us. The trouble is I think that they also, again just like humans, come with all sorts of temperaments.

The vast majority of people are more than happy to help another in distress, and can be relied upon to behave in a civilised and courteous manner to others. A few - at present unhappily it seems a growing number - are extremely unpleasant, aggressive characters as the recent spate of knifings show only too clearly.

Certainly, in my experience, most dogs not only mix happily with others, despite the difference in breed and size, but are usually quite happy to mingle with different people as well. It has been said that dogs instinctively know if a person doesn't like them, and I think this is true, though whether it is as simple as that I do not know.

I remember, some years ago now, with my previous Tina, in the foyer of Maghull Town Hall chatting to one of the security officers. Folk were coming and going, some spoke to Tina, others simply walked past - and Tina was quite happy with either.

Then a chap came down the stairs and as soon as she spotted him, Tina started to growl, something she never, ever, usually did. I don't know why she took this instant, very forceful, dislike to this bloke - but I would have been extremely careful if I'd had any dealings with him.

They knows, yer know!

Now whether this man simply disliked dogs, or whether there was something in his make-up which Tina spotted as being out of kilter, I don't know, but there was definitely something which her dog's senses told her he was not to be trusted.

But I'll tell you this. Assuming there is a heaven then I hope there is a place there for dogs. Because the example of my landlord friend's collies was an example for us all.

More consultations launched on county council budget proposals

CONSULTATIONS have been launched into a number of Lancashire County Council services.

People are being asked to have their say about proposed changes to the Active Lives Healthy Weight scheme; stop smoking services; drug and alcohol rehabilitation; and the Integrated Home Improvement Service.

At the recent budget meeting, councillors approved a package of measures to reduce an anticipated deficit to £46m by 2022/23.

Some of the proposals require consultations before a final decision. Consultations into other services have already been announced.

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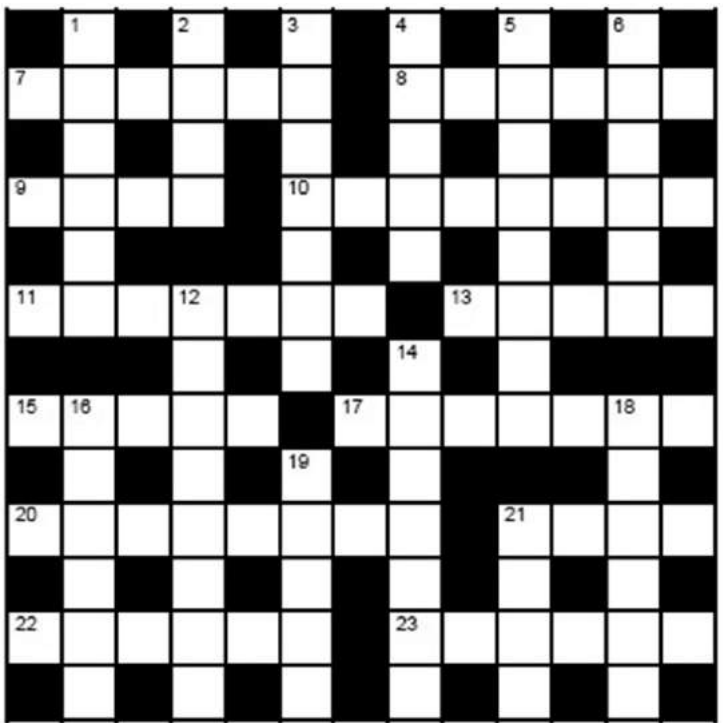

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Hunting ground. 8. Decimate. 9. Teem. 10. Blister. 12. Tepee. 14. Dregs. 16. Saffron. 19. Polo. 20. Unerring. 22. Dramatic irony.

Down: 1. Cube. 2. Ethics. 3. Sneaker. 4. Egret. 5. Bow tie. 6. Angeleno. 11. Larboard. 13. Latency. 15. Gloomy. 17. Furore. 18. Butty. 21. Nine.

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ACROSS

7. Exit (3, 3)
8. The area around a fireplace (6)
9. Female possessive pronoun (4)
10. Former British Crown Colony on the south-east coast of China (4, 4)
11. A soft greasy or viscous substance used as ointment or for lubrication
13. Head of state, sovereign (5)
15. Famous beach in Sydney (5)
17. A small chapel, especially for private worship (7)
20. Common British bird of the Passerine order (8)
21. Stick with a hook or barbed spear, for landing large fish (4)
22. A non-competitive foot race typically for participants sponsored in aid of charity (3, 3)
23. (Of time) to pass or go by (6)

DOWN

1. Whalebone (6)
2. Informal term for common sense (4)
3. Process of using acid to cut into a metal surface to create a design (7)
4. Long, high-pitched complaining cry (5)
5. Insolvent (8)
6. Immediately (2, 4)
12. A sporting throw or stroke made with the hand below shoulder level (8)
14. To activate, set off (7)
16. Product, yield (6)
18. Unwanted waste material (6)
19. Large keyboard musical instrument (5)
21. Bite at or nibble something persistently (4)

Marshals needed for hospice fundraiser

MARSHALS are needed to help at Queenscourt Hospice's sponsored 10K night walk in May.

The annual Star Trekk Night Walk, on Friday, May 17 will start and finish at Southport Pleasureland, going past Queenscourt Hospice and returning back through Birkdale Village.

The hospice's flagship event, it has raised more than £750,000 over the past 12 years to help care for patients from across Southport, Formby and West Lancashire with life-limiting illnesses.

Registration will start at 6pm with the walk beginning at 8.30pm and organisers expect the route to take approximately two-and-a-half to three hours. Marshals will be positioned along the route to encourage walkers on their way and also help with the crossing of roads.

If you can help out, email diannegillespie@btinternet.com.

Nursing associates take up new roles

THE first nursing associates are being welcomed at NHS Trusts across Lancashire following a successful university pilot programme.

The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) was one of the first universities in the country to run the two-year nursing associates foundation degree and now 35 newly-qualified students have been offered jobs across three NHS Trusts.

The pioneering role was developed by Health Education England as a new support role to bridge the gap between health care assistants and registered nurses. It focuses on delivering hands-on care for patients while at the same time freeing up registered nurses' to focus on more complex clinical duties.

Nursing associates are educated in all areas of care including mental and physical health, acute, primary, secondary and community care. The first cohort of students were all already working as health care assistants, allowing them to build on their existing experience and develop their careers. Although a professional role in its own right, nursing associates have the opportunity to progress and complete an 18-month conversion course to become a registered nurse.

Professor Nigel Harrison.

Michelle McAteer, 49, will be a nursing associate within the Churchtown District Nursing Team near Southport. She said: "I was already working as a healthcare assistant and was inspired to apply for the course by my daughter who is studying to be a nurse at UCLan. I love working in the community and making a difference. I'll be able to do this even more in my new role through planning care provision and building relationships with people."

Professor Nigel Harrison, executive dean of the Faculty of Health and Wellbeing at UCLan, added: "This is just the beginning of what will be exciting careers for the nursing associates. It is a pioneering course which we are proud to have developed and delivered collaboratively with our NHS partner provider organisations.

"We are committed as a University to build on this success as we prepare for our fourth group of students who commence their course at the end of March."

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Tickets are for the 10.30am show on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

The winners will be the first two correct entries selected at random after the closing date of Friday, March 29, 2019.

Usual Champion competition rules apply. Editor's decision final. Full terms and conditions available on request.

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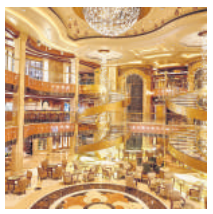

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Bishop visits village primary school

PUPILS and staff at a West Lancs primary school enjoyed a visit from the Bishop of Whitby.

Bishop Paul Ferguson was accompanied by Reverend Clay Roundtree from Ingleby Barwick, Yorkshire, on the visit to Bickerstaffe CE Primary where they joined youngsters in celebration and song.

Church of England bishops from the Northern Province visited Liverpool Diocese churches and schools, alongside the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, as part of the diocese's Tell, Give, Serve mission.

After celebrating "a moving" Holy Communion service and performances by the school choir, the guests met with pupils from the school's Worship Wonders Council and enjoyed a tour of the 175-year-old school building.

The Bishop of Whitby, Paul Ferguson pictured (centre, back) during his visit to Bickerstaffe CE Primary. Also pictured are Rev. Clay Roundtree; Rev. Andrew Housley (school vicar); teacher, Kirstin O'Kane; and pupils Aaron Alty, Heidi Mawdsley and Scarlett Cooper-Webley.

Information evening for potential foster carers

LANCASHIRE County Council is holding another of its information evenings for people considering becoming foster carers.

This will be held at County Hall, Fishergate Hill, Preston this evening (Wednesday, March 20) from 6 to 7.30pm.

Members of the county council's fostering team, as well as social workers and current foster carers, will be available to answer questions, talk people through the process, and offer advice.

The authority has increased the allowances payable to new foster carers who can expect to receive between £241 and £300 per week for each child they care for.

People who have considered fostering before but weren't sure they could afford it are advised to attend an information evening to find out if it could now be a viable option.

County Councillor Susie Charles, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "With around 20 Lancashire children needing homes each week, we need to recruit new foster carers."

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

Anyone interested but unable to attend on the night can call the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering. There's no need to book for the fostering information evening, you can just turn up but you are asked to please arrive early.

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Win tickets to Kinky Boots

KINKY Boots, the winner of every major Best Musical award, is set to tour the UK coming to the Liverpool Empire from March 25 - April 6 and the Champion has tickets to giveaway for the show.

Kayi Ushe will play the role of Lola, Paula Lane, known for her role as Kylie Platt in Coronation Street, will play Lauren and Joel Harper – Jackson will play Charlie.

Also joining the Kinky Boots cast will be Demitri Lampra (Don), Adam Price (George) Helen Ternent (Nicola) who will be accompanied by Charlie Allen, Nicola Avino, Lizzie Bea, Joshua St Clair, Connor Collins, Daniel Conway, Shaun Dalton, John Dempsey, Niki Evans, Mary Fox, Scarlet Gabriel, Damon Gould, George Grayson, Portia Harry, Joshua Lovell, Jacob McIntosh, Chileshe Mondelle, Alfie Parker, Fred Smiley, Toyan Thomas - Browne, Andy Watkins and Jason Winter.

Kinky Boots at the Adelphi Theatre has become a favourite with UK theatregoers having won three Olivier Awards for Best New Musical, Best Costume Design and Best Actor in a Musical for Matt Henry who played Lola.

Kinky Boots also won the London Evening Standard BBC Radio 2 Audience Award for Best Musical as well as three WhatsOnStage Awards for Best New Musical, Best Actor in a Musical and Best Choreography.

With a book by Broadway legend and four - time Tony Award – winner Harvey Fierstein (La Cage aux Folles), and songs by Grammy and Tony winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper, this musical celebration is about the friendships we discover, and the belief that you can change the world when you change your mind.

Inspired by true events, Kinky Boots takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan. Charlie Price is struggling to live up to his father's expectations and continue the family business of Price & Son. With the factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos.

With direction and choreography by two - time Tony Award-winner Jerry Mitchell (Legally Blonde, Hairspray), Kinky Boots is also the winner of six Broadway Tony Awards.

Kayi Ushe (Lola/Simon) has several theatre credits including The Crucible, A Little Night Music (Storyhouse, Chester); Motown the Musical (Shaftesbury Theatre); Wonderland (UK Tour); The Book of Mormon (Prince of Wales Theatre); Avenue Q (UK Tour); Kisses on a Postcard (North Devon Theatres); Fame the Musical (Italian tour) and Crazy for You (London Palladium).

Joel Harper – Jackson (Charlie Price) has numerous theatre credits including Pieces of String (Mercury Theatre); Myth: The Rise and Fall of Orpheus (The Other Palace); and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night – Time (UK Tour).

To be in with a chance of winning the tickets, answer the following question. Who directed and choreographed Kinky Boots? Answers to henry.james@champnews.com by 12 noon this Friday (March 22). Please supply an address and a daytime contact number. The tickets must be taken for the show on Tuesday, March 26 at 7.30pm.

Kinky Boots (London Company 2017-2018) Photo by Matt Crockett

Naughty Words was 'funny in parts but had little depth'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Naughty Words by Darren Edwards Ormskirk Theatre Company at Toby Carvery, Ormskirk.

THE idea behind this play is good. Simon James played Justin who is running an erotic chat line company. But he has told his fiancée, Sarah (Lisa O'Reilly) that he is a solicitor whose business is giving advice to clients.

All goes well until the day before their wedding when Sarah arrives at his office wanting to see exactly what her husband–to-be does. Inevitably, this creates chaos when one by one his explanations become more desperate as the phones start to ring and the office girls try to arouse their callers with 'naughty words' while giving the impression to the watchful Sarah that they are offering legal advice.

The snag to all this is that it is a joke that goes on too long and it was only after the interval that the action hotted up when Simon's future in-laws arrived. Sarah's Daddy turned out to be a Chief Constable, impressively portrayed by Gary Simpson, and his wife, Margaret, (Jackie Roscoe) had a few surprises of her own in store.

Photo: Pat Baker and Joe Coyne

Pat Baker, Lesley Roper and Ann Todd were the three girls gleefully manning the phones while Simon, played by director, Joe Coyne, specialised in dealing with calls from homosexuals as, sporting a pair of canvas shorts, he gave an over the top performance which really belonged to another era. Shades of Julian and Sandy in Round the Horne.

Without a sub-plot, the material was stretched and, despite a clever and satisfactory ending, this was more suitable for a half hour comedy for radio or TV than a full-length play.

Star Rating: 6 out of 10. Good idea, funny in parts but little depth.

Society presenting their Spring concert

THE orchestra of Ormskirk Music Society are presenting their Spring concert at 7.30pm this Saturday (March 23) at St John's Church, Burscough.

The programme will feature: Dvorak Cello Concerto with soloist, Hikaru Fuminash; Tchaikovsky - Symphony No. 6; and Verdi – Nabucco Overture.

This concert draws from the great Romantic composers beginning with Verdi's dramatic and rhythmically vibrant Overture Nabucco.

Another main feature is Tchaikovsky's final Sixth Symphony ('Pathetique'), first performed under the composer's baton only nine days before his death, and full of foreboding and drama.

The most popular of all cello concertos – the Dvorak Cello concert in B Minor - has been chosen in memory of the cellist Brian Boothroyd who passed away last year, after more than 30 years' service as player, patron, treasurer and committee member of the Ormskirk Music Society. And the orchestra are delighted to welcome the extraordinarily talented Japanese Australian cellist Hikaru Fuminashi as soloist for this passionate and expressive piece.

Hikaru Fuminashi began playing cello at the age of eight, and as a young player led the cellos in the Sydney Youth Orchestra and Australian Youth Orchestra, and toured Munich, Prague and Vienna.

He studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, where he won the High School concerto competition and played his first concerto with the Penrith Symphony Orchestra in 2015, aged 18.

He continued his studies with a scholarship to the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, where he is in his final year, studying under Hannah Roberts.

The orchestra perform four concerts each year, three jointly with the choir and one exclusively orchestral concert.

Tickets are available in advance from Catherine Ness (01695 556548 or catherine.oms@btinternet.com) or on the door priced at £10, £5 for under 18s/students.

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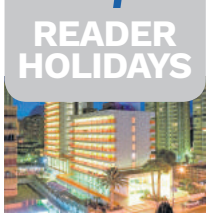

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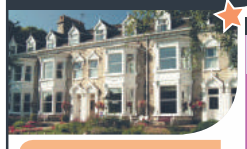

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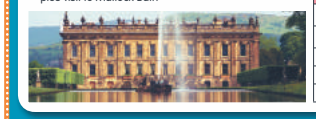

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HARGRAVES JANET

Janet's family wishes to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many messages of sympathy received during their recent sad loss. Also, for the much appreciated donations given to the Alzheimer's Society. A very big thank you to all the staff at Abbey Wood Lodge for the love and care given in her final days, and to Skelmersdale Funeral Services.

TILL FRANK

Pam, Mark and Emily would like to convey their appreciation and thanks to everyone at Howard's Funeral Directors, especially Carl, Derek and Chris. Grateful thanks also to Reverend Martin Abrams for the beautiful and memorable service he conducted and to all those who attended, it meant so much to us. A massive thank you to everyone for their kind donations to Cancer Research and for the support after losing our one in a million husband and father.

COSTELLO PETER JOSEPH

Betty would like to thank everyone who joined her in Peter's Requiem Mass which was a wonderful celebration of his long and happy life. Thank you to all our friends who helped out over the last few months. The Mass Cards, Sympathy Cards, letters and flowers were overwhelming; as was your very generous donations to Jospice. Heartfelt thanks to Father David Gamble at Our Lady of Victories, Hightown for always being there for Betty and officiating in a Mass she will never forget. Thank you also to Coyne Brothers Funeral Directors for their efficient services.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCAULEY LUCILLE

The family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, cards and donations for The British Heart Foundation received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Springfield Court Nursing Home for their splendid care of Lucille. Thanks also to Deacon Des for his beautiful Service, O'Briens catering, and to Louis Hunter and the Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the dignified Funeral arrangements.

RIMMER DONALD

Cynthia and family would like to express sincere thanks to everyone that attended Don's Funeral and sent cards, donations and sympathy. Don will be sadly missed. He was a special man. Special thanks to Dr. A. Krishnamurthy also thanks to ward 15a Southport Hospital for their kindness and care given. Thanks also to the Rev. David Banbury for his kind words of support, and to Margaret Hunter and all at MLS for their dignified and compassionate Funeral arrangements.

GILBERT JEAN

The Daughter of the late Jean Gilbert wishes to thank all who have shown kindness and sympathy.

Also for the cards, letters and donations to Queenscourt Hospice.

Thanks to Parklands and Sutton Grange for their care. Thanks also to Celebrant Ken Howles and Funeral Director Lorraine Houghton of Brookfield's Funeralcare.

DEATHS

BROOKES EDNA (NEE PEARSON)

Passed away peacefully at Hillcroft Care Home on 16th March 2019 Aged 85 years

Devoted Wife of the late Keith. Loving Mum to Alison and Catherine. Much loved Gran of Jenny and Sarah. Dear Sister of Madge and Geoff (dec'd).
Edna will be sadly missed by all her family and friends in Ormskirk and Rochdale. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Dementia UK and Emmanuel Church, Ormskirk.
For funeral arrangements please contact H Hardman and Co, Skelmersdale WN8 8HP. Tel: 01695 722122

STOREY JEAN

Passed away 10th March 2019 aged 95 years

Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 11.00am Followed by Interment at Ormskirk Parish Church.
Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

HART SHEILA

Passed away peacefully 13th March 2019

The Dearly loved Wife of the late Danny. Devoted Mum of Lorraine, Denise & Beverley, a Loving Mother-in-law and Much Loved Nan to all her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Carla Lane Animals In Need.

For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, Tel: 01695 424888.

THE REVEREND CANON MICHAEL SMOUT

Passed away Thursday 14th March 2019

Beloved Husband to Val and Father to Paul, Katy & Son-in-law Daryl.
Former Rector of St. Michael's Church, Aughton.
He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all his Family and Friends.

For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Tel: 01695 424888.

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DEATHS

ROBINSON RACHEL

Peacefully at home on 13th March 2019, aged 68 years

Much loved Wife of Bob.
Devoted Mum of Nic and Dan. Rachel will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
Funeral Service will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Burscough on Thursday 28th March 2019 at 1pm, followed by private committal in the Churchyard.
Family flowers only please, but donations are being gratefully received by the family for Queenscourt Hospice.
Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

PYE KEVIN 'KEV'

10th March 2019

Peacefully, in hospital, after a long illness, bravely borne, surrounded by his family, aged 59 years.

Much loved Papa of Johanna, Kevin, Mike and Jessie. Dear Father-in-law of Kathryn. Dear Brother of Cherie, Teresa, Kathy, Stephen, David, Chris, Jackie, Garry, Tracy and the late John and Michael. A Loving Brother-in-law and Uncle. Kevin will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request please but if so desired donations can be made to Ward 14B at Southport Hospital.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ, Telephone Number 01704 212714

DEATHS

DAVIE JOHN

Peacefully in hospital on 11th March 2019 aged 76 years

Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 22nd March at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please; donations preferred to Marina Dalglish Appeal c/o the funeral director. Enquiries to Neal Buckley, Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton Tel: 01772 301700

REYNOLDS RONALD FRANCIS (RON)

12th March 2019 Aged 83 years

Died peacefully at Benridge Care Home, Southport. Loving Husband of the late Marjorie and much loved Father of Sarah. Ron will be greatly missed by all his family, friends and former pupils. Service at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 22nd March at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Freshfield Animal Rescue. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

SMITH MINNIE (Nee JONES)

March 12th 2019 Peacefully in hospital aged 93 years

Dearly loved Wife of the late Frederick and loving Mother to Helen and Julie. Mother in law to Ken and Gordon, dear Nan to Rachel and Abbi, Sister to Betty. Funeral service at St Thomas' Church, Lydiate on Wednesday March 27th 2019 at 1:00pm followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations will be welcomed by The B.H.F c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Merseyside L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330.

DEATHS

FORD RONALD LESLIE

12th March 2019 aged 85 years

Dearly beloved Dad to Joanne. Sadly missed by all his family. Funeral service will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough on Friday 22nd March at 4pm. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel: 01695 731199

JONES QUENTIN HADDON

12th March 2019 Aged 84 years

Much loved husband of the late Ann and devoted dad to Chris. Quentin will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 25th March at 10:40am. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Southport Offshore Rescue Trust (S.O.R.T). Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

HEY HIRAM JAMES 'JIM'

on 11th March 2019 Peacefully at Home Aged 88 years

Devoted Husband of Joan, and a loving Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Funeral Service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 26th March at 1:20pm. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

DEATHS

BAYBUTT WILLIAM EDWARD (EDDIE)

13th March 2019 Peacefully at his home in Burscough after a short illness aged 99 years

The dearly loved Husband of the late Ella and loving Father of Alf. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Southport Life Boat. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

TEMPLE JACQUELINE "JACQUIE"

Peacefully in hospital on March 10th 2019 aged 58 years.

Much loved Wife of Les. Much loved Mum of Alex and Georgia, dear Nana of William. Devoted Sister of Nicki. Jacquie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton on Wednesday 27th March at 1:30pm, followed by committal at West Lancashire crematorium, Burscough at 2:30pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully accepting donations to the ICU at Southport Hospital and ICU Royal Liverpool University Hospital.

Further enquiries to W H Hull Funeral Directors, 81 Church Road, Tarleton, Preston, PR4 6UP, 01772 812409

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DEATHS

RIMMER DONALD

3rd March 2019 died peacefully in hospital aged 92 Years

Dearly loved Husband of Cynthia and the Late Doreen. Will be sadly missed all his loving family and friends. Funeral Service took place at St. Johns C of E. Church Burscough on Monday 18th March at 1:30pm followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. There were family flowers only by request but donations are being gratefully received for St. Andrews Mission and British Heart Foundation.

Donations and further enquires to Margaret Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, L39 5DZ Tel: 01695 424888

MAYNARD EMERSON 'Abbey'

6th March 2019 Peacefully, at home, aged 83 years.

Dearly beloved Husband of the late Doreen. Much loved Father of Stephen and Angela. Dear Father-in-law of Roy and Angela. A much loved Grandad of Rebecca, Lauren and Ryan. Dear Brother of Shirlon, Douglas, Mabel, Verna, Tony, Jenny and Cutie and Brother-in-law to Jenny. A much loved Uncle to all of his Nieces and Nephews. Emerson will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 2pm. All flowers are welcome. Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ, Telephone Number 01704 212714.

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DEATHS

SWIFT CHRISTOPHER (CHRIS)

13th March 2019 Aged 96 Years Passed Away Peacefully in Hospital

Beloved Husband of the late Christina, loving Dad of John, Patrick and Peter, dear Father-in-law of Veronica and Belinda. Much loved Grandad to all his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. A dear Brother and Uncle. Chris will be sadly missed by all who knew him. R.I.P. Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady's RC Church, School Lane, Formby on Tuesday, 26th March at 12.00 noon, followed by burial at Sacred Heart RC Cemetery and a celebration of life at the Gild Hall, Formby. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the Queenscourt Hospice c/o Dean Brothers Funeral Directors, Gores Lane, Formby. Tel: 01704 872023

DEATHS

EMETT DES

On 11th March 2019 Suddenly at Home Aged 62 years

Adored Husband of Angela, devoted Dad of Jamie and Desie, dear Father in law of Anita, loving Brother of Jayne, Alfie, Haley and Pauline, Brother in law of Sue, Pete, John, Lil and Kenny, a dear Uncle to all his Nephews and Nieces and Great Nephew Jackson, and a dear Step Granddad and Step Great Granddad. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 22nd March at 3:20pm. No flowers at Des's request, donations if so desired for British Lung Foundation or Help for Heroes. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Higgins Lane, Burscough from Truscott Road to 30m from junction with Truscott Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 8th April 2019 until 2400 hours on Monday 6th May 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for pedestrians only. Road closure will be continuous.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Liverpool Road South – High Lane – Pippin Street – Tollgate Road – Ringtail Road – Langley Road – Higgins Lane
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow sewer diversion and water connection works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16674/EW]

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Swan Lane, Aughton from Northway to Springfield Road in the West Lancashire Borough.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Saturday 16th March 2019 until 1800 hours on Sunday 31st March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained for residents and business when approaching from Springfield Road.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Northway – Springfield Road and vice versa
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow gas utility works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Notice to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17256/KF/2]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Stanley Street and Knowsley Road, Ormskirk from the junction with Wigan Road to the junction with Wigan Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Tuesday 26th March 2019 until 1700 hours on Thursday 28th March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. In addition to road closures, Stop/Go traffic management on Wigan Road and Moor Street will be in operation for 50m either side of Stanley Street. Buses will not be able to access Stanley Street or Knowsley Street for the duration of the works. The diversion route will allow all services to continue to access the main bus station.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Stanley Street: Derby Street – Greetby Hill – Tower Hill – Wigan Road – Moor Street – St Helens Road – Park Road – Church Street – Derby Street West – Derby Street
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The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway works to be carried out.
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Liverpool Road North, Burscough from 40 metres north of Fletchers Drive to 60 metres south of Red Cat Lane in the West Lancashire Borough.
2. The prohibition will be operative nightly from 2000 hours until 0600 hours on Sunday 24th March 2019 until Wednesday 27th March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. Works will take place overnight.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Moss Lane – Causeway Lane – Liverpool Road – Diamond Jubilee Lane – Station Road – Meadow Lane – Rufford Road – Hall Road – Chorley Road – Lancaster Lane – Alder Lane – Ash Brow – Course Lane – Lowry Hill Lane – Briars Lane – Square Lane
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow resurfacing of the carriageway works to be carried out.
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Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16825/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOUNDARY MEANYGATE, HESKETH BANK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) NOTICE 2019
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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank from Boundary Lane to Taylors Meanygate.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Wednesday 20th March 2019 until 1700 hours on Saturday 23rd March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
3. Nothing in Article 1 of this Notice shall make it unlawful to proceed over the said road if the vehicle is being used for or in connection with the conveyance of persons, goods or merchandise to or from any premises situated on or adjacent to the said road;
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Lane – Taylor's Meanygate
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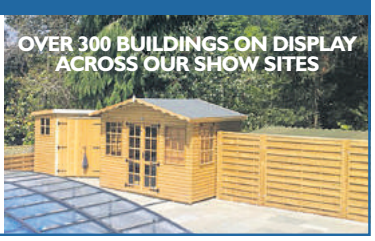

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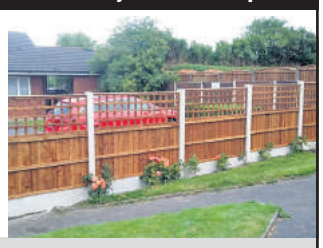
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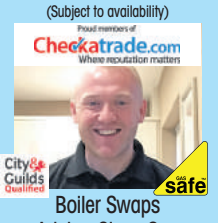

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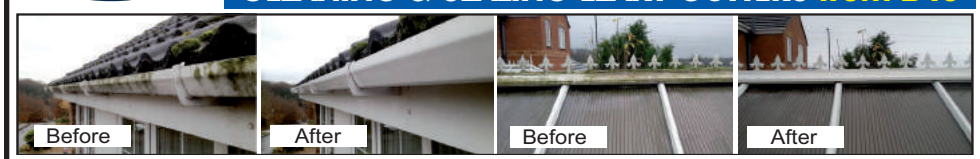

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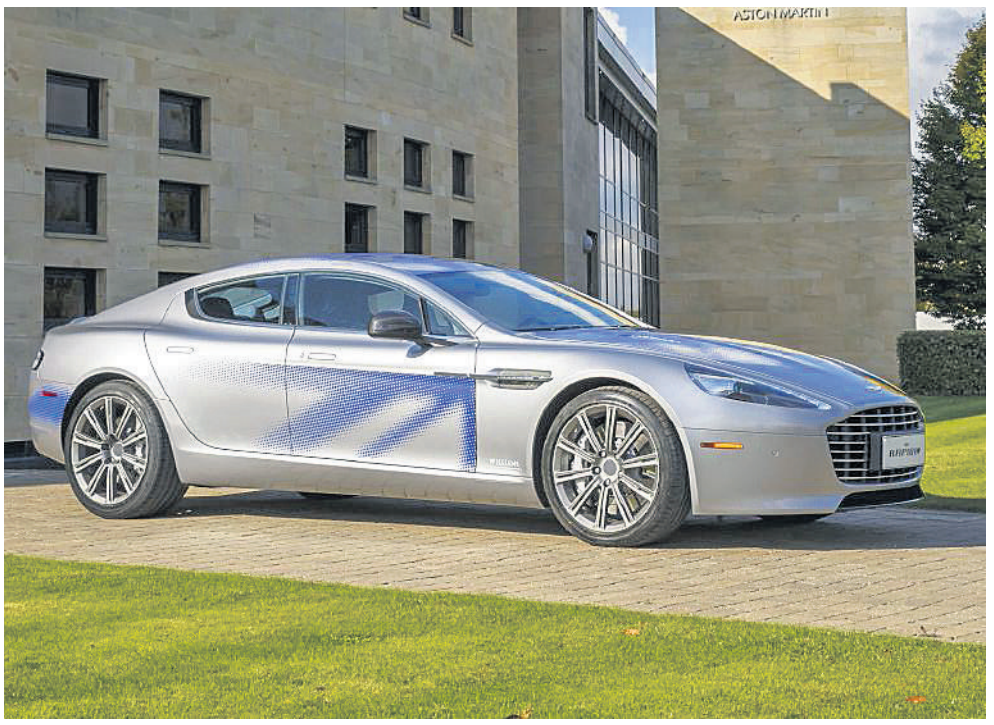

James Bond will be given his first electric car for his next spy mission

SPOILER alert – by which I don't mean the enormous thing you'll find sprouting from the back of Honda's Civic Type R. The next Bond movie is the one where 007 finally settles down for a lifetime of school runs and trips to Sainsbury's.

Forget any rumours you might have read about the next cinematic outing for Britain's top MI6 operative being a modern-day retelling of On Her Majesty's Secret Service.

Or that its working title, Shatterhand, alludes to a SPECTRE mastermind previously only mentioned in the books and thus sets Bond up for a showdown with Blofeld's right-hand man.

Nope, the 25th film in the series is the one where 007, having chatted up Madeleine Swann in the last movie, gets married, takes her on a honeymoon to Prestatyn and they have kids a year or two later. Awwww, Daniel Craig's take on the orphaned assassin has finally grown up!

I know this not because I've got pals at Pinewood Studios, but simply on the choice of car that he'll be driving in the next film.

Elsewhere in the press you might have read about how the new Aston Martin Rapide E is the first time that a 00-agent has been assigned a zero emissions car – nothing wrong with that, of course – but the thing that grabs me that, no matter how cool it looks, it's a four-door saloon.

A four-door saloon. It's only the second time in the entire history of the Bond films that's happened, and on the last occasion it was an Avis-rented BMW that Pierce Brosnan promptly did the right thing by sending it straight off the top of a multi-storey car park.

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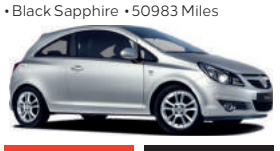

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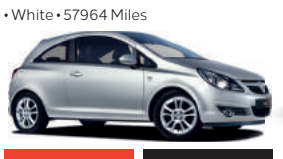

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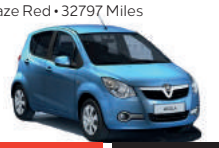

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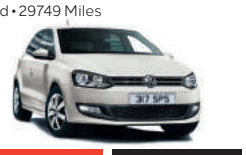

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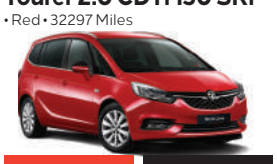

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*** INSIGNIA 1.4 TURBO DESIGN SPORTS TOURER (ESTATE) 5 DR 65 REG** 20,000 miles in emerald green metallic, cruise, climate - FSH **£9,495**

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*** CORSA 1.4 SRi NAV 90 5 DR 18 REG** 6,000 miles in quantum grey metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, IntelliLink, cruise, aircon, alloys **£10,595**

*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 17 REG**, 3,000 miles in Persian blue metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH **£9,795**

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*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 66 REG** 12,000 miles in royal blue, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH & £30 road tax **£8,695**

*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 16 REG** 5,000 miles in asteroid grey metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloy, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH & £30 road tax **£8,695**

*** CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 16 REG** 12,000 miles in sovereign silver metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloy, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH & £30 road tax **£8,550**

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CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 15 REG 18,000 miles in pepperdust metallic, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon - FSH & 12 months MOT & £30 road tax **£7,650**

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*** ZAFIRA 1.4 TURBO SRi 5 DR 65 REG** 31,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist - FSH **£9,495**

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*** MOKKA X 1.4 ACTIVE AUTO 5 DR 67 REG** 1,000 miles in velvet red metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist **£14,995**

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*** MOKKA 1.4 TURBO SE AUTO 5 DR** 16 REG 8,000 miles in burnt orange metallic, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys – FSH **£11,350**

*** MOKKA 1.4 TURBO SE AUTO 5 DR 65 REG** 16,000 miles in boracay blue metallic, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys - FSH **£10,895**

*** MOKKA 1.6 SE 5 DR 65 REG** 20,000 miles in glacier white, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats & steering wheel, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys - FSH **£9,850**

MOKKA 1.6 SE 5 DR 15 REG 13,000 miles in Boracay blue metallic, Bluetooth, full leather, heated front seats, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon, alloys – FSH **£9,495**

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*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.6 GDi S CONNECT 5 DR 68 REG** 4,000 miles in inca beach metallic, alloys, Bluetooth, rear park assist, climate, DAB radio – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£16,595**

*** NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCi ACENTA with SMART VISION PACK 5 DR 67 REG (2018)** 14,000 miles in sapphire blue metallic, sunroof, alloys, Bluetooth, cruise, front & rear park assist, DAB radio, aircon - balance of 3 yr Nissan warranty & spare wheel **£15,595**

*** HONDA CR-V 1.6 SE 5 DR 16 REG** 15,000 miles in dark grey metallic, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, front and rear park assist, FSH, £30 road tax **£14,995**

*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 SE NAV CRDi 5 DR 16 REG** 27,000 miles in moon rock metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£13,695**

*** VW TIGUAN 2.0 MATCH TDi DSG AUTO BLUEMOTION 4MOTION 15 REG** 30,000 miles in platinum metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist, climate, alloys - FSH & 12 months MOT **£13,295**

*** FORD FIESTA 1.0 TURBO ECOBOOST TITANIUM 100 5 DR 67 REG (NEW SHAPE)** 6,000 miles in magnetic grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, SAT NAV, heated windscreen, privacy glass - balance of 3 yr Ford warranty.. **£12,750**

*** MAZDA 6 2.0 SKYACTIV-G SE NAV (PETROL) 4 DR 65 REG** 14,000 miles in velvet red metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, aircon - FSH and Jan MOT.. **£11,995**

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*** RENAULT CLIO 0.9 DYNAMIQUE NAV TCE 90 5 DR 18 REG** 8,000 miles in diamond black metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise - balance of 3 yr Renault warranty **£10,195**

*** PEUGEOT 208 1.2 ALLURE PREMIUM 82 5 DR 18 REG** 10,000 miles in nimbus grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, rear parking camera, panoramic roof, DAB radio, cruise, aircon – balance of 3 yr Peugeot warranty **£10,195**

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*** PEUGEOT 208 1.2 ALLURE 81 5 DR 18 REG** 9,000 miles in aluminium silver metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, rear park assist, DAB radio, cruise, aircon - balance of 3 yr Peugeot warranty **£9,895**

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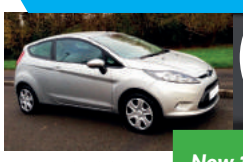

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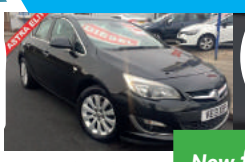

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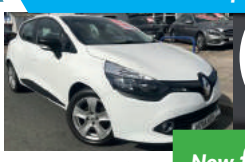

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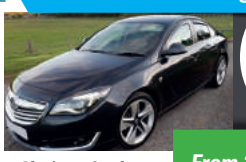

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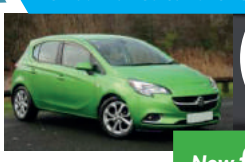

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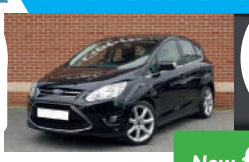

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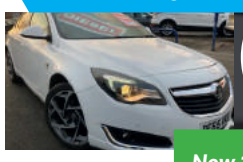

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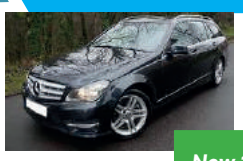

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- Priv Glass
- Alloys

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Specification;
- Leather
- Sat Nav
- Alloys

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Specification;
- 1 Owner
- 1/2 Leather
- Sat Nav

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Lorde heads home to give Burscough the lead. Picture by Marc Taylor

Linnets brave wind and rain to secure win

Burscough 3
West Didsbury & Chorlton 0

BURSCOUGH had to beat both West Didsbury & Chorlton as well as the weather to ease to victory at a wet and windy Victoria Park.

Having gone 2-0 up at the interval, the Linnets had it all done and dusted by just after the hour mark after they scored a third and their opponents were reduced to ten men.

The game then finished in heavy rain which had earlier threatened to cancel the match.

West Didsbury are managed by former Burscough and Skelmersdale boss Dave Powell and they arrived with five former Skelmersdale players in their line-up and in the initial period they threatened Burscough.

But in their first viable attack in the sixth minute Burscough struck gold. Captain Danny Brady swung a free-kick to the far side of the penalty area and Jordan Lorde met it with a superbly weighted header that sent the ball looping over Didsbury goalkeeper Marcus Burgess and under the crossbar to make it 1-0.

Ryan Grier is developing well at right-back for Burscough and on 37 minutes he created havoc in the Didsbury penalty area, his ball into the area finishing up with three attempts on goal, but the visitors held out.

On 41 minutes Burscough finally got their second goal, a corner was driven in from the left and Whyte ran to the near-post area and flicked a header back across goal into the far corner.

It was only thanks to keeper Burgess that it wasn't three before half-time. He did really well to keep out a Finlayson header from Cummings cross from the right.

Burgess made another good save in the 47th minute diving full-length to finger tip a Cummings shot away for a corner. His Burscough counterpart Fletcher is pretty handy as well and on 50 minutes when Gavin broke through a challenge he had to be sharp to keep the Linnets goals against column blank.

More things went in Burscough favour in the 51st minute when Didsbury perhaps quite harshly were reduced to ten men.

Only just inside the Didsbury half and wide on the left former Skelmersdale defender Ishmael Banks tackled Jordan Lorde late and referee James Sheppard showed Banks the red card as the last defender.

Didsbury could justifiably argue that Lorde still had a lot to do on a heavy pitch to have a goal scoring chance.

Burscough should have scored in the 57th minute. Whyte has scored 20 goals this season but he wasted this chance when one on one with keeper Burgess, he elected to round the keeper rather than shoot and lost possession on the slippery surface.

Burscough's search for a third killer goal finally reached fruition in the 63rd minute. A good move down the left saw the ball sent to just outside the 18 yard box and Cummings ran in and put a magnificent volley well out of Burgess' reach to make it 3-0 and give victory to Burscough.

Both teams made changes in the latter stages but gradually the mud and now driving rain took its toll and the quality dropped.

This Saturday Burscough make their longest trip of the season when they go to North Shropshire to play Whitchurch Alport for the very first time.

Two own goals condemn Skem to heavy defeat

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Widnes 4
Skelmersdale United 1

SKELMERSDALE United endured a miserable trip down to the shores of the River Mersey to face a Widnes side which had nine former players in the squad.

Not only that, buy Widnes are managed by former Skelmersdale heroes Steve Akrigg and Kevin Towey, but they didn't do their former club any favours on the field, despite starting with six former Skem players in their line-up and another three on the bench.

It was Skelmersdale that had the first opportunity after a free-kick was hoisted into the Widnes area a head on gave Mike Samson a chance but having to stretch for the ball his shot went high and wide.

However, after a promising start Skelmersdale managed to put themselves a goal down after only eleven minutes. Under pressure from a Widnes forward, Marvin Molyneux played a back pass to goalkeeper Ryan Kirkman, only to find that Kirkman had left his line. The goalkeeper couldn't reach the ball and it rolled agonisingly unaided into the Skelmersdale net to give Widnes a 1-0 lead.

From the 25th minute Skelmersdale started to get their game going and twice Sean Yeldrem threatened down the left, on the latter occasion he pulled the ball back to Andy Grimshaw who was frustrated by a fine push around the post by home goalkeeper Owen Wheeler.

In the 34th minute Widnes doubled their lead, a nicely crafted slick passing move gave Jay Roberts the opening to fire a shot across Kirkman into the far side of the goal to make it 2-0.

The game drifted a bit until the last 20 minutes when Widnes struck a third goal,

Jordan Tyrer heads home for Skem. Picture by John Driscoll

ending Skem's hopes. Conor Ready combined well with home right-back Roberts who overlapped and put the across the face of goal, Accrington loanee Niall Watson timed his run from the left perfectly and was able to score from around three yards out.

On 75 minutes Widnes made it 4-0. An exchange of passes just inside the penalty area opened Skem up and Towey who had come on as substitute sent the ball low across goal. Watson was just beaten to the ball by Louis Keegan who diverted the ball into his own goal, in fairness to Keegan, if he had left the ball alone Watson would have had another tap-in anyway.

A Skem consolation was on the cards in the last moments. Yeldrem saw a low save from Wheeler keep him out and then Skem got a couple of corners in quick succession. From one of the corners Danny McLoughlin saw the ball headed back to him and he put a looping return back into the goalmouth, keeper Wheeler flapped at the ball and from about a yard out Jordan Tyrer was able to head home his first goal in a Skelmersdale shirt.

It wasn't a bad show from Skem, but they desperately needed the three available points and sadly the result is just another step towards what now looks an inevitable relegation outcome.

Skelmersdale are at home to Droylsden at Volair Park, Prescot this Saturday.

Droylsden are in a lower mid-table position in Evo-Stik Division One West so represent a possible win for struggling Skem.

Women's football team face anxious wait to see if they are title winners

EDGE Hill University's women's football team must wait to see if they have secured the Northern 2A title.

They did all they could after ending Manchester firsts' promotion ambitions with an impressive 4-2 victory in their final league game, with Ruby Howard and Mia Pemberton scoring twice.

They lead the table by three points but have an inferior goal difference to second-placed University of Liverpool firsts. A win for Liverpool over Manchester in their final fixture on March 25 would see them go up – anything less and it'll be a second successive promotion for the Green Army.

Elsewhere at EdgeHillthere were victories for the men's first and second teams in their final league fixtures. The former were 4-1 winners over Liverpool Hope firsts to end the season third in Northern 2A, while the latter won 2-1 at Manchester thirds to all but secure third in Northern 4A.

The men's hockey team completed their championship-winning Northern 3A campaign unbeaten with a 3-2 victory over relegated Salford firsts thanks to Nick Fletcher's hat-trick while the women's firsts, who repeated that feat and will also play at Northern 2A level next season, won 2-1 at Manchester seconds to also end their campaign on a high note.

A shock victory came in basketball as Edge Hill firsts defeated Northern 3A champions Manchester Met thirds 77-70 to secure their status at this level, with Ieuan Vanner top-scorer with 29.

The title-winning women's team were also victors, 67-22 over Liverpool seconds to complete an impressive Northern 3A campaign with eight wins from eight.

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